

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2020 –Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Ms Logan & Miss Aidoo

Support Staff: Mrs. Hajat, Ms. James, Mrs. Cudjoe, Mrs. Annor-Agyei, Mrs. Impey

English

In English we will be reading *All My Treasures*, *The Rabbit Listened* and *Here we are*. We will be discussing our feelings and exploring the changes we have experienced throughout the lockdown. After half term we will be reading *Gregory Cool* by Caroline Binch. Through reading and exploring the themes in the texts, children will be taught their own plots, characters and settings. They will begin to understand the importance of proof reading and self evaluating their writing.



Maths

Children will be recapping their number facts and place value. They will be comparing and ordering numbers with up to 3 digits. Children will learn multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times-tables, add and subtract 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers. They will apply this knowledge to word problems and reasoning questions. Later in the term, they will be exploring clocks and the vocabulary 'past' and 'to' to explain what time it is. The children will be looking at the place value in relation to money and solving problems including giving change.

Science



Light

Year 3 will identify light sources and discuss the Sun. They will also establish that light is reflected off things that we see and that darkness is an absence of light. Then they will look at the transparency of various materials and the shadows they form. In addition to this they will make enquiries about shadows.

Forces and Magnets

Children will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will also observe how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some materials and not others. The children will create their own compass using magnets and household materials.

For RE lessons we use the **Come and See** scheme of work. We will be focusing on:

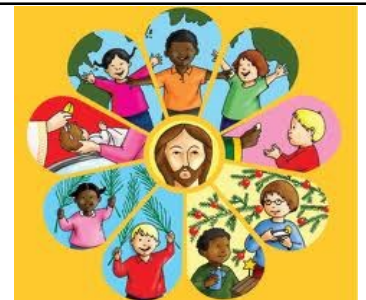
Recovery Curriculum— To start our year, we will be exploring how to express our feelings.

HOMES - God's vision for every family

PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism

VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus

RE



PE



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit and leaves it in school for the week.

Lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons.

Children will be learning about their own fitness and how to keep fit. After half-term the children will be exploring dance.

Music

Year 3 will be learning to play the keyboard. Children will learning about the meanings of the different keys on the keyboard.

The children will also be using their knowledge of the keys on the keyboard to support them with playing simple songs.

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Foundation Subjects



History: We will explore Harriet Tubman who was born into slavery and escaped. We will learn how she organised 'The Underground Railroad' to help others and her daring activities during the US Civil War.

Geography: Year 3 will later be discussing the British Values and how life in Britain has changed over the years.

Computing



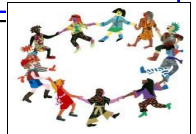
We are Programmers

Programming a short animation using Scratch. The children will learn the basics of computing coding.

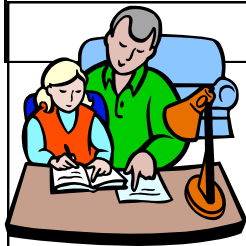
We are Bug Fixers

Finding and correcting bugs in a computer program.

PSHE



This term we will be focusing on loss and processing our emotions. We will be reading lots of beautiful books about these themes and discussing our emotions. We will also be discussing our lockdown experiences and how we can recover as a class.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework on Google Classroom, parents need to ensure that their child completes their work to a high standard and check it over before their child turns it in.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about the books they have read. It is very important to maintain a love of reading, reading a range of texts (both fictional and non-fictional texts).

We are unable to issue books each week due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Encourage your child to read books from their collection at home and visit local libraries to support your child with reading new books.

French

The children will begin to describe items by their colours and recall the names of school items in French. They will then begin to describe themselves using the correct vocabulary.

