

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs Baptiste & Mr Reily

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English



This term we will begin by studying some beautiful picture books, such as *When Sadness Comes to Call*, that will support our Recovery Curriculum. Using these texts, we will ensure that the essential reading and writing skills for Year 4 are covered, as well as giving the children opportunities to discuss and express any anxieties through drama and poetry. After half-term we will be studying Philip Pullman's *Clockwork*, exploring the excellent way Pullman weaves narrative through the story. We will use this to create our own stories, developing characters and learning more about the fantasy genre.

Maths

As part of our Recovery Curriculum, we will begin by covering the essential objectives from Year 4 (Place Value with 5-digit numbers, addition and subtraction methods, times tables to 12 x 12) and assessing where the gaps in the children's learning are.

After half-term, the children will learn about calculating various measurements, including calculating time intervals. They will be taught methods for mental multiplication and division, using multiples of 10 and 100, as well as formal written methods.



Science

Let's Get Moving

In this topic we will learn about the physics behind the movement that there is in the world around us. This includes studying Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity as well as studying the uses of friction and air resistance.

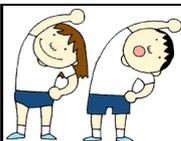
Out of This World

In this unit of study, we will extend our learning about gravity into the solar system, learning about how the Planets and their Moons orbit the Sun. We will also study some of the other planets in our solar system.



R.E.

Following our Recovery Curriculum, RE lessons in September will be focussed on ensuring the children are settled back into school and how our Parish Community and prayer life can support us. We will also be studying how St. Francis is an example of overcoming adversity in preparation for St. Francis' Feast Day on 2nd October. After half-term we will continue our 'Come and See' curriculum.



PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on Monday and takes it home to wash on a Friday.

Lessons will take place on **Fridays**

Children will be developing further their knowledge and skills in games and athletics over the term.

Art

This term the children will get the chance to develop their line-drawing, colour, and collage skills. We will be using fine-liners to create 'emotion portraits' of Nelson Mandela as well as creating a collage river.

Music



This term in music we will be exploring the two basic elements of music—rhythm and pitch—and will be learning rhythm notation. **Every child in Year 5 has the opportunity to learn to play violin or guitar after school on a Tuesday!** The children will be taught by expert tutors from Newham Music. A letter was sent home on Friday 11th September about this—ask your child to speak to Mr. Reily if you have any questions.

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History & Geography

In Autumn 1 we will be celebrating Black History, learning about Nelson Mandela and his struggle against apartheid in South Africa. The children will be writing a biography of Nelson Mandela and we will be using Beverly Naidoo's book *Journey to Jo'burg* to aid our learning.



In Autumn 2 we begin our first Geography topic on the Water Cycle and Rivers. We will be studying how important the water cycle is to life on Earth and the many uses that rivers have in societies around the world.

Computing



Game Design: Children will plan and then program their own games using the Scratch software. They will need play the game to find bugs that they will work cooperatively to fix them.

Word Processing: Children will learn basic keyboard skills, helping them to improve their typing speed. They will also learn about the most important features of word processing software such as Google Docs and Microsoft Word.

PSHE



In addition to spending time allowing the children to discuss their experiences of lockdown, we will be learning how to be a good citizen, developing our Growth Mindset and exploring how to deal with friendships in the playground.

Homework

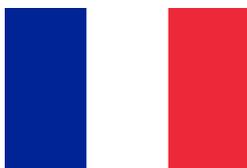


Most homework will now be set on Google Classroom, timed to appear for the children at 3:30pm on Fridays. It needs to be completed by before school on the following Tuesday morning and will consist of a Maths task and a Grammar or Comprehension task. It is brilliant when parents support their children with their homework, however all work must be completed by the children themselves and submitted.

Spellings will also be given each week. These will be on paper so that the children can keep them at home to practice. Spelling tests will be each Thursday.

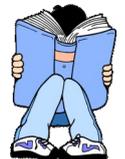
MFL - French

In French, we will be learning to describe places and common household objects, as well as explain what other people are doing.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Please read with your child regularly using a range of reading materials, e.g. books, newspapers, magazines



etc.

Encourage your child to discuss their reading with you.

It is really important that the children are reading regularly.

Please also make use of the fantastic on-line resources we are signed up to:

Education City

Timestable Rockstars