

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 1 Year Group and Staff

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R.W.I & Big Write

This term, Year 1 will continue with the RWI phonics programme; learning sounds and applying them to help them read and spell. Children will be moving into new RWI groups soon after we return and their progress is checked regularly to see when they are ready to progress. Year 1 will also have weekly vocabulary and Big Write lessons where they learn to write complete sentences, use new and exciting vocabulary and learn how to plan and write simple stories.



The key to vocabulary building - blending

Maths + - x ÷

We will use these weeks in the Spring term to make sure the key mathematical skills for Year 1 are covered and children are as secure with them as they can be. We will especially focus on counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 as well as counting in 1s up to and past 100, counting forwards and backwards from any number. We will also work on measurement, including telling time to the hour and half hour. We will also revise number bonds to 10 and become familiar with number bonds and subtraction facts up to 20.



Science

Our science topic for this half term is 'Polar Places.' In this topic children will identify and name lots of different animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Children will also begin to put these animals into groups, identifying if the animals are carnivores, herbivore or omnivores.

We will be able to explore the school grounds and see what different creatures we can find but also explore what animals can be found in the coldest regions of the planet.



RE

The RE topic for the rest of this term will be 'Changes.'

This topic is all about Lent and preparing for Easter.

The topic is called 'Changes' because children will discover how change is a necessary part of healthy growth. Children will reflect

on how they have changed and grown over the years. They will then see how Lent is an opportunity to change, to make a new start, and to try and be more like Jesus.

Children will also hear and recount the gospel stories of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Reading

From this term onwards we will begin sending reading books home every week. Please read with your child and discuss the characters and events in the story, or the information and facts if it is a non-fiction text. Children should read every evening. Please make sure your child has their reading book with them in their book bag every day.



PE

PE is every Tuesday.

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit ready for Tuesday.

In the Spring term, we will focus on gymnastics.



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History & Geography

For this half term children will be learning about 'Our Country.' After exploring the differences between towns and countryside, children will learn about the United Kingdom. They will create maps of the UK, locating the towns and cities of our nation as well as identifying the seas around the British Isles. Children will also learn about famous British landmarks and the climate. Children will also begin to identify the pros and cons of living in the town, and compare those to the pros and cons of life in the



Computing



Children will learn how to create wonderful pieces of artwork using different kinds of paint software. Children will use various tools to create different effects, as well as revise how to save and load their work. The whole focus of the topic will be to digitally create the illustrations for a traditional tale e-

PSHE

After another lockdown and missing a long period of school, we will seek to celebrate our return to school with a series of 'positivity' session. Children will be welcomed back with fun activities and given the opportunity to discuss what they have been up to, what they are looking forward to and how they feel. We will continue to support children and give them time to share in our weekly wellbeing sessions.

Homework

Every week there will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework. Weekly spellings will also be sent home for a spelling test on a Thursday.

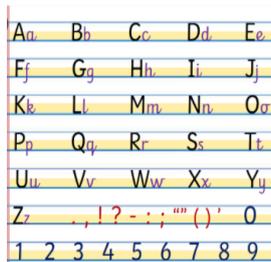


Homework is **set on Friday** and is due to be **returned by Tuesday**. Please check your children's homework to make sure it is of a good standard.

Handwriting

We will continue to practise handwriting. This will be important as many children will have been typing these past months rather than writing.

In Year One, leaving spaces between words as well as making sure capital letters and lower case are the appropriate sizes is very important. These skills can be practised at home as well.



French

This half term children will learn the days of the week and months of the year in French. We will also use songs to recap our previous topics of French colours and greetings.

