

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs Baptiste and Mr Reily

Support Staff: Mrs Cudjoe, Mrs Patel & Ms Dai

English

To help settle the children back into school, we will be reading and responding creatively to 'No Longer Alone' by Joseph Coelho and Robyn Wilson-Owen. Then we will begin studying 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. These books will be used to develop



skills in writing poetry, diary entries, recounts, reports and persuasive writing. We will also continue to focus on the development of reading skills through our comprehension sessions.

Maths

For the rest of the term we will be consolidating learning on written multiplication and division methods and finding fractions of amounts. As well as that, the children will be developing their understanding of shape and angles, including using protractors to measure angles.

We will also be continuing to work on our reasoning and problem solving skills.



Science

Growing and Growing Old Up

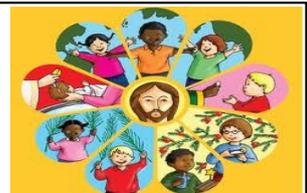
In this topic the children will continue to learn about human development from childhood to old age. In our remaining lessons we will particularly focus on the difficulties elderly people face and how to care for them.

We will also be investigating whether people are really living longer now than in the past or not.

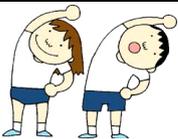


R.E.

For RE lessons we will be using *Come and See* to look at the following topics:
MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus



We will also be spending time exploring the importance of Holy Week.



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 skills in striking and fielding .

Music



For the remainder of the term, we will begin studying the various periods of musical history, learning about and creating Renaissance and Baroque music.



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History & Geography

Geography—Rivers We will learn about the different parts of rivers, how they are used and their impact to society. The children will develop their map skills by locating various rivers on maps. We will also learn the names and locations of the important rivers in the UK.

Computing



We are Artists

We will be using digital programmes to create geometric art, exploring tessellations. As well as looking at the geometric patterns in Islamic art, we will also be exploring the work of Bridget Riley and creating our own digital pieces inspired by her work.

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 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.

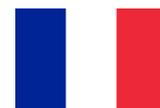
PSHE

During the first week back, we will have plenty of time for the children to talk through experiences of lockdown and any nervousness about coming back to school. We will also be exploring metacognition—how to think about our learning—to develop confidence and resilience.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Please read with your child regularly using a range of reading material e.g. books, newspapers, magazines etc. Encourage your child to discuss their reading with you.



In French we will be learning to talk and write about the days of the week and the activities that we participate in during the week-end.

French