

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 1 Year Group and Staff

1K

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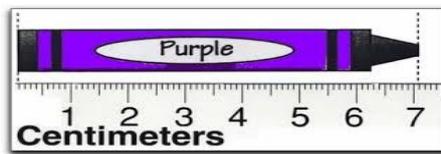
R.W.I & Big Write

Year 1 children will continue in their RWI groups. The children are assessed regularly and move groups so that they are always being challenged. Children will also begin more challenging comprehension activities, reading texts carefully so they can answer recall and inference questions. In Big Write lessons, children will continue to improve their writing skills by ensuring sentences are punctuated correctly and make sense. They will write short stories and start to make their own changes to characters and main events.



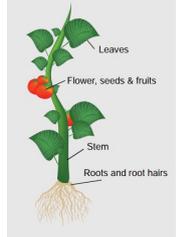
Maths + - x ÷

Year 1 will continue to practise and imbed key skills. Children will aim to become quick calculators by using number facts to add and subtract with larger numbers. They will also understand place value and how this can help us with addition and subtraction. Children will continue to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and begin to recognise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will delve a little deeper into 3D shapes and begin to measure length, time and capacity with greater accuracy.



Science

Our science topics for the summer term will focus on plants and animals. Firstly, children will learn about plants they can find in our local area and begin to identify some common flowers and trees. They will also learn about the different parts of flowers and trees and the special jobs they do to keep the plant healthy and alive. After half term children will start a new 'Safari' topic. They will describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.)



RE

For this term, we will cover the following topics in RE lessons:

NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world. Children will begin to appreciate how everyone is their neighbour and how Jesus has asked us to treat others as we would like to be treated. This topic will also be linked to our Citizenship Fortnight when we will explore how Pope Francis' call to 'care for creation' challenges us to think of our neighbours all around the globe. Children will also focus on the story of David and Goliath, and learn that even little people can make a big difference.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit. Children will explore the feast of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit made the disciples brave and full of energy to spread the good news. We will also see how the Holy Spirit can help us all today.

BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well. Children will begin to learn about reconciliation and how when we make mistakes or bad choices, we feel sorry and can ask for forgiveness. We will also discuss how we can ask God to help us make good choices.



Reading

This term we will continue with 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 with an adult. Please make sure your child has their reading book with them in their book bag every day.



PE

PE for 1K is **every Tuesday.**

Please make sure your child

has the correct PE kit ready for Tuesday. In this term, we will focus on Athletics and Striking and Fielding games. As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has a water bottle, especially on their PE day.





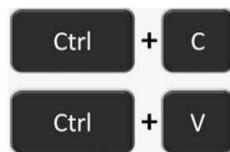
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History & Geography

For this summer term, Year One will be learning about Pirates in our History Lessons. They will explore how the popular image of a pirate is far from the historical truth. They will focus on the famous Irish pirate Grace O'Malley, who terrorised the waters off the west coast of Ireland and even had an audience with Queen Elizabeth I. Then for the second half of the term, we will have our annual International topic. Year One will focus on the country of Austria. We will explore the mountainous landscape of this central European nation and compare it to the UK's geography. We will also explore the culture and music of Austria, and even learn a simple Viennese waltz and some German phrases! Wunderbar!



Computing



Children will use word processing and digit art skills to produce a celebration card. They will start off with exploring how to safely and legally find images online and how to copy and paste them to create a card. Then children will move on to recording videos with iPads and cameras and explore the beginnings of video editing.

PSHE

This term children will explore how we meet God's love in our family; God loves us and shows His love through our family. They will explore how our family helps us learn, grow and stay safe. Children will begin to recognise how families can also share happy and sad times together.



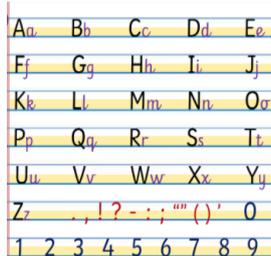
Homework

Every week there will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework. 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. Children should also prepare for a weekly spelling test.



Handwriting

In Year 1, 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. As we get ready for Year 2, children will need to really focus on forming their letters correctly as soon they will begin to join up their writing.



French

Children will learn to wish each other 'bon anniversaire' and say when their own birthday falls. We will also continue to revise numbers, colours and greetings in French.

