

St Francis' Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2021 –Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Miss Aidoo & Mrs Osei
Support Staff: Mrs. Hajat, Ms Dai and Ms Foster

English

Year 3 will be exploring the text 'The Great Kapok Tree' this term. It is a story about the rainforest and the importance of the preservation of nature. 'The Great Kapok Tree' will also inspire lively class debates and persuasive writing.

We will be studying the author's description of the rainforest setting and use powerful adjectives to create our own setting descriptions—as well as creating watercolours based on the rainforest.

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.

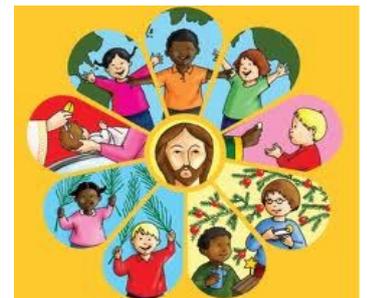
Forces and Magnets

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:

Domestic Church 6th Sept. -1st Oct
HOMES - God's vision for every family
Feast of St Francis 4th Oct. - 8st Oct
Baptism/Confirmation 11th Oct.-12thNov.
PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Judaism 15thNov.-19thNov.
Places of Worship - Synagogue
Advent/Christmas 22nd Nov- End of Term

RE



PE



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

Lessons will take place on Thursday 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 the song Let your Spirit Fly, an RNB song for children. In this unit children will learn to listen and appraise music.

Towards the end of the half term, children will begin to use instruments to support their with composing their own music.

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Foundation Subjects



History: Black History—As part of our Black History month studies, the children will be exploring the impact Black Britons have made and continue to make in the city of London.

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.

Word Processing Skills

The children will be using Microsoft word to focus on changing case, aligning text, and using bullet points.

PSHE



Children will begin Autumn by learning about the 'Zones of Regulation.' Learning about these zones will help children think about how they feel and how they can help calm themselves down when upset or over excited. This term we will also focus on Anti-Bullying, ensure our school continues to be a safe place for all.



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.

Homework is assigned on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**. If homework is not returned on Tuesday it may not be marked.

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).

French

The children will begin to learn and use greetings in French as well as revising how to count in French.

Further on in the half term, the children will begin to introduce family members in French too.

