

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School



## Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5

### Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs Baptiste & Mr Reily

Support Staff: Mrs. Cudjoe

### English

This term we will be reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar, then we will be exploring the Greek myth 'Odysseus'. 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, answering and exploring focussed questions around inference skills and finding information.



### Maths

Our first two weeks will be spent ensuring that key objectives from Year 4 have been embedded. Then we will be looking at time durations as well as written methods for calculations. Finding equivalents between decimals and fractions, will be an important topic for us later in the term.

The children are expected to be able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12. Please ensure your child is using TT Rockstars and Hit the Button to learn their times tables at home.



### 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.

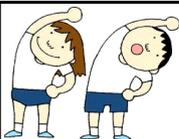
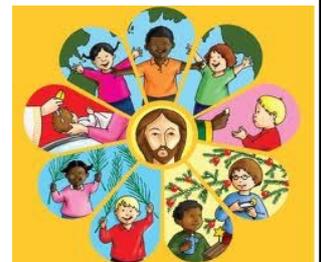
#### Out of This World

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.

**Ourselves** - Created in the image and likeness of God. 6th September — 1st October  
**Feast of St. Francis.** 4th—8th October.  
**Life Choices** - Marriage, commitment and service. 11th October—12th November.  
**Judaism—Passover** 15th—19th November  
**Hope** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one. 22nd November—End of Term.



### 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 **Tuesdays**.

Children will be developing their knowledge of keeping fit and active as well as about various Dance styles.

### Art

This term we will be exploring collage techniques, using various materials to depict an erupting volcano. We will also be studying the various contemporary Black artists working in London.

### Music



This term in music we will be exploring the structure and rhythm of Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' as well as using it to create our own compositions—including using musical notation. We will also be exploring Jazz music.

**All children in Year 5 have the opportunity to learn the violin in a free after school club provided by Newham Music!** Details of this club still need to be finalised—more information will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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### History & Geography

In Autumn 1 we will be celebrating Black History. This year we will be learning about the many Black people who lived, worked and influenced London during the Roman, Tudor and Georgian times.



**Geography—Forces of Nature** We will learn about the Earth's layers and their properties as well as how volcanoes are formed. We will also explore the locations of the Earth's volcanoes and use collage to create pictures of volcanoes. We will move on to studying rivers, how they are formed and their uses.

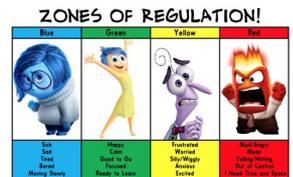
### Computing



**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



This term we are introducing 'Zones of Regulation' to the children—enabling them to think about and better control their emotions.

### Homework

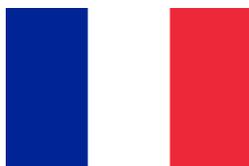


Most homework will now be set on Google Classroom, timed to appear for the children at 3:30pm on Fridays. It needs to be completed by before school on the following Tuesday morning and will consist of a Maths task and a Grammar or Comprehension task. It is brilliant when parents support their children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

Spellings will also be given each week. Spelling practice should be completed each day of the week in preparation for our spelling test each Friday.

### MFL - French

In French, we will be learning to describe places and countries in our 'On Holiday' topic. Children will learn vocabulary about the beach, zoo and theme park. We will also be learning about buying items from shops and language about basic weights.



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**



All the children have been given reading books that will be changed regularly. These books should be read at home each evening and be brought to school each day.

**It is really important that the children are reading regularly at home.**

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