

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 4 Year Group and Staff Year 4

Teachers: Mrs Baptiste, and Ms Reid
Support Staff: Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Chase, Ms Leachman

English

Children will be reading a range of stories with familiar settings and will write descriptive settings of their own. They will be exploring some of the tales from the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education- (The Power of Reading), then writing their own stories and produce art work based on the books read. We will also be looking at writing instructions, fantasy stories and imagery in poetry. For this term, children will be reading the books- 'Fly Eagle Fly' by Christopher Gregorowski and 'Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman.



Maths

Children will be developing their understanding of place value and comparing and ordering two, three and four-digit numbers. They will be learning about the four number operations to a greater depth. Children will also learn measurement, properties of shape telling the time and calculating time intervals. They will continue to develop their recall of multiplication facts.



Science



Sound

Children will encounter how sounds are made on a variety of instruments and how they can be changed in volume, pitch and over distance. They will explore making sounds on a range of objects that aren't instruments, in order to investigate how sounds are created to make music.

Teeth and eating

Children learn about digestion and different types of teeth, before moving on to explore deadly predators and their prey, in their exploration of food chains. They work scientifically throughout the topic, using enquiry, practical experiments and hands-on research to answer questions and investigate how we eat, why we eat and what we eat.



R.E.

For RE lessons we will continue to use **Come and See** as our scheme of work and will be looking into:

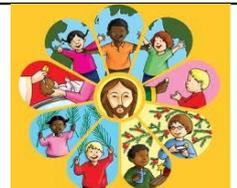
PEOPLE: The Family of God in scripture -Our Family Tree.

ST FRANCIS: Explore the life of St. Francis through Art.

JUDAISM: The Torah

CALLED: Confirmation

GIFTS: God's gift of Love and Friendship



PE



Please ensure that your child brings the appropriate kit on the correct day.

Lessons will take place on Mondays.

Children will be swimming this term. They will learn new strokes and techniques. Children will also be taught about water safety as well as Health and Safety both in and around water.

French

In French, children will learn basic vocabulary about playtimes. They will learn through songs, games and speaking and listening activities.

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History & Geography

This October we will focus on 'Black History Month'. Children will explore what life was like for the Windrush Generation in London. Pupils will look at what was the motivation to come to England, their expectations and how different that was from the reality.

In Autumn 2, Pupils will explore the physical and human geography of Modern Europe. They will investigate key European physical features, research a European capital city and examine the weather from each of Europe's climate zones.

PSHE

Circle time will provide opportunities for our children to express their feelings and give them time and space to share their thoughts.

Pupils will explore how to regulate their emotions using the Zones of Regulation during well-being time.

Computing



Pupils will become toy designers which includes designing a toy and then creating their toy on 'Scratch'.

Scratch is a block-based coding platform that allows users to create their own games, stories, and animations. You can explore using this at home too by going to <https://scratch.mit.edu/> Pupils will also be practising and improving their typing skills this term.

Music



Children will be following the Charanga scheme of work! They will explore songs from Mama Mia and will learn themes such as pitch, rhythm as well as other genres of music.

Children will have the chance to use instruments as well as explore body percussion.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, parents need to check that all the work put online on **Google Classroom** is completed. Homework is set on a **Friday** and is due in on **Tuesday**. Homework submitted after Tuesday will be marked as late.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



Please read with your child as often as possible and ask them questions about what book they are reading at school. Please continue to use books at home to supplement reading.

Newham libraries are also now open.