

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2023



Nursery Year Group and Staff Nursery

Ms Debernardis, Mrs Cockley and Mrs Impey

RWJ

This January we will continue to learn the sounds that letters make which is the first step to learning how to read.

Just a reminder for when you help your child at home: we encourage them to say the "sound" the letter makes and not the "name" of the letter.

So for example it is "f" not "ef".



Maths

Children in Nursery will learn how to count to 10 through song and rhymes. They will be able to recognise all numbers to 5 in and out of order.

They will use language for measuring and comparing (eg. bigger, smaller etc). They will learn the names of 2D shapes and find them in the environment.



Physical Development

Children will learn to look after themselves including how to get dressed or undressed independently.

They will also be encouraged during snack time to independently peel their own fruit, insert straws into milk cartons and/or drink from cups without spilling.



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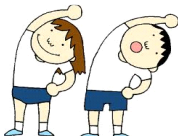
For RE lessons we will continue to follow the Come and See scheme of work:

OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world

ANOTHER FAITH WEEK—Islam—Special days/ Ritual objects

GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist

GROWING - Looking forward to Easter



PE

In PE lessons we will be exploring music and movement and using large PE equipment to develop gross motor skills.

Children will learn about the importance of exercise for a healthy lifestyle.

NB: please make sure **all** items of clothing, especially PE kit, has your child's name on.

STEM



For our STEM experiments this term we will investigate **Racing hearts** and how we can make changes in the way our heart beats; and we will also have fun with **teeth** and learn how to keep them healthy.

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Understanding of the World



In the Spring term we will focus on two particular topics: Keeping healthy and Time to bloom. We will explore how we keep healthy focusing on eating well, exercising and mental health.

During the second part of the term we will turn our attention to growing plants and once again making sure we keep them healthy by providing the ideal conditions for their growth.



Computing

Children will use digital cameras and iPads to capture pictures of nature and growing plants.

They will produce a video explaining how to keep healthy.

Children will begin to use a keyboard to find the letters in their names



PSED



Children will be encouraged to role play with other children (in small groups) showing they can take turns, share toys and listen and respond to others.

They will also learn how to make healthy choices about food. Drink, physical activity and tooth brushing.

Last but not least, they will be taught how to talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'



Helping your child at home

Try to use any opportunity to encourage children to count (steps, cups, coins, anything!)

Most importantly, help them to become more independent. Ask them to dress or undress themselves and to use their words when asking for things (avoid pointing etc.)

Art & Design

We will use different media to encourage children to explore which ones they like best (paint, crayons, watercolours, chalk etc)

We will also be doing junk modelling to explore art in 3D.



Reading

Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book, i.e. the characters and what they liked best about the book.

I am sure you have plenty of books at home but if you would like some extra ones online you can always use Oxford Owl.

Also please remember to bring your child's reading bag with books on their reading day as it is the time we can share books with them and also change them.

