



St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023



Year 4

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs. Baptiste Mrs Reid

Support Staff: Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Leachman, Mrs Chase

English

Children will be reading 'The Shaman's Apprentice' by Lynne Cherry. This is a story about a young boy who is an apprentice to a shaman in the jungles of the Amazon rainforest. He learns about healing plants in the rainforest, but also about the importance of his community. The children will be creating persuasive leaflets persuading others to do their part to save the rainforest.

The children will also read 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and write their own adventure stories. They will also perform and recite a range of poems.



Maths

Children will be solving problems involving the four operations. They will also learn how to use mental and written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will identify and compare fractions as well as finding fractions of quantities. Children will continue to learn the multiplication facts up to 12 times and related division facts.



Science



Power it up—Circuit

Children will be learning to identify common appliances that run on electricity. Construct a simple series electrical circuits, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

Looking at States

Children will be learning about states of matter. They will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will observe that some materials change state when heated or cooled, and they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

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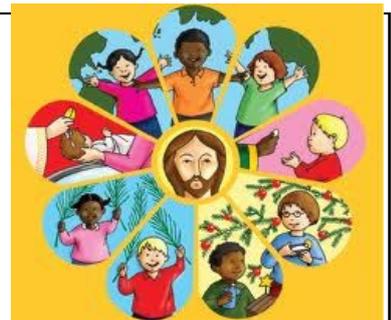
For RE lessons we will continue to use the **Come and See** scheme of work and will be looking into:

GOD'S PEOPLE - Different Saints show people what God is like

CITIZENSHIP WEEK: 'Who is my Neighbour. Our rights and responsibilities in taking care of ourselves and others

GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion

SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life



Music

Year 4 will continue to use the 'Charanga' scheme of work. All the learning is focused around one song: Stop! - a rap/song about bullying. They will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing.

PE

Year 4 will continue PE lessons every Monday during the spring term.-'Gymnastics' and 'Striking and Fielding'.

Please ensure that your child brings in the appropriate kit.



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History/ Geography

Rainforests: This unit will introduce children to rainforests around the world. They will learn what they are, where they are, what they contain and who lives there. Along the way they will develop their skills by writing reports, creating their own rainforests, and learning about David Attenborough.

Rome and Roman Britain This unit explores the Roman invasion of Britain and why the Roman army was so successful. The children will be investigating questions such as: When did the Romans invade Britain and why? Did the native Britons welcome or resist the Romans, and why? How did the Romans influence the culture of the people already in Britain?

Computing



Animation

In this unit, children learn about **Scratch** which is a **visual programming language that allows students to create their own interactive stories, games and animations**. As students design Scratch projects, they learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. They will also create an interactive toy from the programme '**Switch on Computing**'. **Safer Internet Day 2023** will be celebrated on 7th February with the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.

MFL - French

Children will be learning to name different foods and cutlery in French. They will be learning to express likes and dislikes and also to say what they are eating and what they would like to have.

Homework



Children are expected to complete their own homework on **Google Classroom**.

Homework is posted on a **Friday** and should be turned in by the following **Tuesday**.

If homework is not submitted on Tuesday it will not be marked.

Healthy School

In Year 4, children are still able to bring snacks at break time, but please remember these need to be of a healthy variety (not biscuits). When preparing birthday party bags, please remember we cannot give any sweets or cake out. We appreciate your support with this.



Reading



Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about what they are reading.

Your child should bring their book to school every day so they can read to an adult in school and change their book regularly. There are also opportunities to read quietly during the school day. Children are encouraged to complete a book review every time they complete a book.