

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2023



Year 5

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mr Reily and Mrs Jeganathan
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English

This term we will be studying two very exciting and diverse books. 'Ice Trap' tells the story of Shackleton's epic expedition to Antarctica. Phillip Pullman's 'Clockwork' is an adventure with time at its centre. 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.

Maths

This term we will be consolidating learning on written multiplication and division methods and finding fractions of amounts. As well as that, the children will be developing their understanding of place value, being able to order and compare 6-digit numbers as well as multiplying and dividing them by multiples of ten. We will also be continuing to work on our reasoning and problem solving skills. Please remember to ensure that your child is accessing TTRockstars regularly.



Science

'Material World' and 'Amazing Changes'

This term, our two Science topics are closely linked. We will be learning about the properties of the many materials that are all around us, including why certain materials are used for certain things. We will then explore the chemical changes that occur between some materials and how some of these changes can be reversed.



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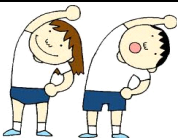
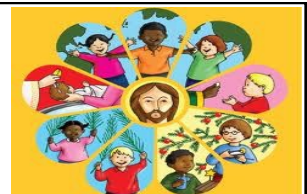
For RE lessons we will be using *Come and See* to look at the following topics:

STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to look after all our diverse neighbours. This topic will link with our studies during our Citizenship weeks.

MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice.

SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.

We will also be spending time exploring the importance of Holy Week as well as using our 'Another Faith' week to study the beliefs and festivals of Islam.



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 further their skills in gymnastics, then striking and fielding.

Music



In our next exciting topic, we will be exploring what Jazz is and how to create a musical improvisation. After half-term, we will be writing lyrics and improving our instrument playing skills using Will Smith's *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* as our inspiration.



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History & Geography

Geography—America We will learn about the different human and physical features of America, using our locational knowledge, and compare places in America to the UK. We focus in on the Grand Canyon, exploring this unique physical feature of America.

History—The Anglo-Saxons In this topic about UK history, we will explore who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they came from. We will also use various sources to find out about daily life in Anglo-Saxon times, including what life was like for children, the art and crafts that the Anglo-Saxons produced and discovering facts about famous kings.

Computing



Scratch - Developing Games

We will be using Scratch to build and edit algorithms for simple games. Children will develop their skills in writing their own algorithms as well as editing and debugging existing codes. We will also learn general safety in using computers and e-safety rules.

Homework



Homework will 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. Please ensure that you see the homework that your child submits so that you can ensure it is of good quality. Spellings will also be given each week. Spelling tests will be each Friday.

PSHE

Our PSHE studies will link to our Citizenship work—looking at the importance of **Our rights** and **Our Responsibilities** in taking care of ourselves and others and also our responsibilities on the usage of social media. We will also continue our work on the 'Zones of Regulation' - discussing how to talk about and deal with our emotions.



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Please read with your child regularly—the children should always have their school reading book in their bags. Encourage your child to discuss their reading with you, asking them about characters and what they are enjoying about the story.



In French we will be building on the body parts. We will learn the parts of the face and saying what hurts. We will also be learning first person verbs linked to the body vocabulary.

French