

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Reception Year Group and Staff Reception

RED: Ms Debernardis, Mrs Cockley and Mrs Peng

R.W.I

This term we will begin the RWI phonics programme. Children will learn the sounds that will help them to read new words. We also learn how to write each sound paying special attention to the letter formation.



English

Alongside RWI children will also have English. In these lessons they will enjoy reading a variety of stories like *We Are Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* and *The Snowman*.

Maths

Children in Reception will learn how to count and recognise numbers to 20 in and out of order. They will be able to recognise and name 2D shapes and use them to copy and continue patterns. Children will be introduced to the idea of addition and subtraction as well as using the language of money and measurement.



It's all about me!



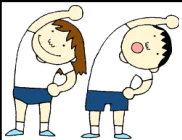
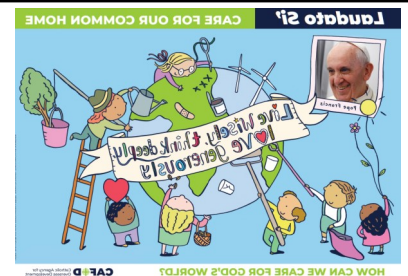
Children will explore what makes them unique; they will learn about their bodies, how we grow, how humans are different from Animals and all our senses.

We will name body parts and learn how to draw the human figure.

R.E.

For RE lessons we will be using the new Religious Education Directory branch 1: Creation and Covenant. Discussing God's wonderful Creation; how He created us all unique and how He loves us ALL.

We will also look at Catholic Social Teaching and the areas of Stewardship and The Dignity of the Human Person.



PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on the correct day. Children are not meant to come in wearing their polo shirt on the day; they will wear full school uniform and change in class as part of their physical development curriculum. Lessons will take place every **Thursday** morning.

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

Art & Design



Children will be looking at themselves and their bodies in detail and will produce self portraits.

We will explore different mediums and discuss which is the best one for each activity.

We will also be doing junk modelling to represent animals and humans and their body parts.

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Black History Month

During the month of October we will celebrate Black History Month and focus our learning on journeys such as that of the Windrush.

We will complement our learning with a fantastic book called Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain—a Kenyan folk story written by Verna Aardema.



Computing

Children will learn to log on to the laptops and iPads and use educational resources to support their work.

As part of the curriculum we will introduce children to the use of Google Classroom where they will be completing their weekly homework.



PSED



Children will be encouraged to role play with other children in small groups. They will learn to take turns, listen and respond to others as they learn to interact in positive ways with their peers.

Homework



Children in Reception will take handwriting homework on a regular basis. Please support them to hold their pencil correctly (tripod grip) whilst forming the letters.

We also encourage you to help your child by counting and recognising numbers to 20 and practising the sounds they have learnt in school. On Fridays we will post Maths and English homework in Google Classroom. This needs to be completed by the following Tuesday.

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Music



This term children in reception will be concentrating on looking and listening to different types of music. They will have weekly lessons with a teacher from Newham Music Academy. We will also prepare a Nativity play.

Reading

Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book. Feel free to sign and comment in the reading record before returning it to school.

A member of staff will then read with your child and change the books for the following week.

