

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



# 1K

## Year Group and Staff

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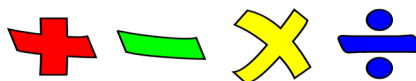
### R.W.I & Big Write

Children in Year 1 will continue with the RWI phonics programme; learning sounds and applying them to help them read and spell. Year One children will also have weekly Big Write lessons where they will learn famous traditional stories. Children will retell the stories, add actions and eventually write out the story adding some of their own ideas and innovations. We will focus on writing full sentences that are punctuated correctly this term.



### Maths

At the very start of the term, Year 1 will reinforce the most important skills from Reception to ensure the children are prepared for Year 1 maths. We will be focusing on accurately counting to 20, adding single digit numbers and subtracting using single digit numbers. Children will move on to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as doubling and halving numbers. They will explore the properties of 2D shapes and begin to measure length. Year 1 will also learn number facts, such as bonds to 10, so they can begin to develop their mental maths skills.



### Science

[Who am I? Celebrations](#)

In the first half of the term, Year 1 will be learning about the human body. Children will learn the names of the main parts of the body, identify body parts by looking at x rays and exploring the five senses in detail: smell, sight, taste, touch and hearing. In the second half term, children will start exploring the topic of 'Celebrations.' Celebrations often require bright lights, music and delicious food. So in this topic the children will explore different light sources, how sound travels as well as how to prepare healthy food.



**RE** *In the Autumn term, the children will explore the following topics.*

**Families:** children will learn how God loves us as a parent and how God's love and care is shown in the family.

**Belonging:** Year 1 will explore how baptism welcomes people into God's family. They will begin to understand some of the symbols used in the sacrament of baptism.

**Waiting:** as Christmas approaches, children learn some of the symbols to do with Advent and how we wait for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

This term we will also explore **Judaism**, focusing on **Moses and Abraham** and how they led their people. **The 4th of October is the Feast of St Francis.** We will celebrate our school's patron saint on this day.



### Reading

Regular reading is vital for all children, it develops their comprehension and confidence. Children will come home with two reading books every week. They should read them at home with an adult. Parents should also discuss the plot, characters or information in the book with their child to deepen their understanding. Parents are also encouraged to make comments in their children's reading records. Children should bring their reading books in everyday and read them at home every evening.



### PE

PE is **every Monday**

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit ready for Monday .

In the Autumn term, children will learn about different games and fitness, with a particular focus on ball skills. They will also learn various dance steps and routines after the half term.



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### History & Geography

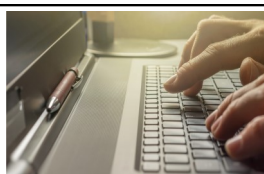
This term we will begin our Black History topic. This year our theme is Windrush 75. 2023 marked the 75th Anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush docking at Tilbury. The children will explore the Windrush Generation and its affects on the United Kingdom using the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin.

Children will then start a new Geography topic learning about our school and our local area. Children will become real geographers by carrying out fieldwork, holding surveys about how children travel to school and making maps of our school and local area. They will begin to recognise different map symbols and suggest improvements to the local area.

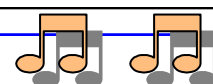


### Computing

Year 1 will start the year learning about the different kinds of technology around us. They will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. Year 1 will also consider how to use technology responsibly. Then children will become digital artists in their next topic! They then use paint software tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work.



### Music



This term, children will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and how to rap and enjoy rap in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose children will listen and appraise Old-School Hip Hop tunes.

### PSHE

Children will begin Autumn reminding themselves about the 'Zones of Regulation.' Learning about these zones will help children think about how they feel and how they can help calm themselves down when upset or over excited. This term we will also focus on Anti-Bullying, ensure our school continues to be a safe place for all.

### Homework

Homework is set on Google Classroom.

Children should log on to Google Classroom at home using the same log in details they used last year in Reception. They do not need to enter a new class code. Every week there will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework. The weekly spellings will also be posted.

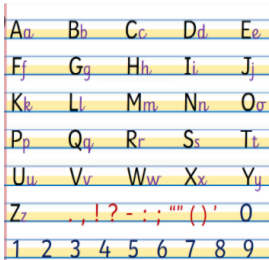
Homework is **set on Friday** and is due to be **returned by Tuesday**. Remember to click the 'turn in' button so the homework can be marked.

Spelling tests will be **on Fridays**, giving children a whole week to learn them.



### Handwriting

Everyday children will practise their handwriting. To start with, children will learn to orientate letters and numbers the correct way round and then practise forming the letters correctly, starting at the correct point and forming them on the line. In Year One, leaving spaces between words as well as making sure capital letters and lower case are the appropriate sizes is very important. These skills can be practised at home as well.



### French

Children will begin by learning different greetings for different times of the day in French. Then, after half term, children will

learn French numbers through songs and fun interactive activities.

