

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



**Year 5**

**Year Group and Staff**

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**Teachers: Mrs Baptiste and Mrs Guleroglu**  
**Support Staff: Mrs Byrne, Mrs Chase and Mrs Patel**

### English

This term we will be reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar, then we will be exploring the Greek myth 'Odysseus'. 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, answering and exploring focussed questions around inference skills and finding information.



### Maths

We will be beginning the year by revising essential place value and number facts. We will then be studying time durations as well as written methods for calculations. Finding equivalents between decimals and fractions will be an important topic for us later in the term.

The children are expected to be able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12. Please ensure your child is using TT Rockstars and Hit the Button to learn their times tables at home.



### Science

#### Out of This World

In this unit of study, we will extend our learning about gravity into the solar system, learning about how the Planets and their Moons orbit the Sun. We will also study some of the other planets in our solar system.

#### Let's Get Moving

In this topic we will learn about the physics behind the movement that there is in the world around us. This includes studying Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity as well as studying the uses of friction and air resistance.



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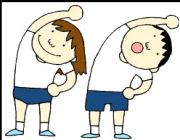
**Ourselves** - Created in the image and likeness of God. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. - 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Feast of St. Francis.** 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Life Choices** - Marriage, commitment and service. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.-10<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Judaism**—Passover 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.-17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Hope** - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.- End of Term



### 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 **Wednesdays**.

Children will be developing their knowledge of keeping fit and active as well as about various Dance styles.

### Art

This term we will be exploring collage techniques, using various materials to depict an erupting volcano or a flowing river. During our Black History topic—The Windrush—children will use line drawing skills to depict art from this era.

### Music



This term in music we will be exploring the structure and rhythm of Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' as well as using it to create our own compositions—including using musical notation. We will also be exploring Jazz music.

**All children in Year 5 have the opportunity to learn the violin in a free after school club provided by Newham Music! A Google Form for signing up your child for Violin Club will be emailed soon.**

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## History & Geography



**Black History:** We will explore the arrival of the Empire Windrush in 1948 and learn about the contributions the Windrush Generation and their descendants, have made to British life. This will include focusing on the social aspects of their lives - how they built a sense of community and the challenges they faced.



**Geography—Forces of Nature** We will learn about the Earth's layers and their properties as well as how volcanoes are formed. We will also explore the locations of the Earth's volcanoes and use collage to create pictures of volcanoes. We will move on to studying rivers, how they are formed and their uses. In addition to this, we will be taking part in an exciting project with a group of professional architects which will involve some workshops, architectural drawing and model making.

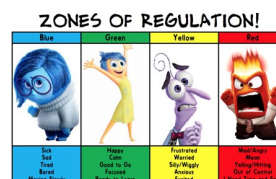
## Computing



**Computing systems and networks –Systems and searching** - Learners will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

**Creating Media - Video production** -Learners will learn how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups.

## PSHE



This term we are continuing to familiarise the children with the 'Zones of Regulation' - enabling them to think about and better control their emotions. We will also be encouraging the children to continue to show a 'Growth Mindset', celebrating and learning from our mistakes.

## Homework



Most homework will now 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. It is brilliant when parents support their children with their homework, however all work must be completed and submitted by the children themselves.

Spellings will also be given each week. Spelling practice should be completed each day of the week in preparation for our spelling test each Friday.

## MFL - French

In French, we will be learning to describe people, saying colours that are useful for describing hair and eyes. We will also be learning vocabulary to describe a person's personality and physical features.

Children will be encouraged to speak in French in the classroom.



**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

All the children have been given reading books that will be changed regularly. These books should be read at home each evening and be brought to school each day.



**It is really important that the children are reading regularly at home.**

Please also make use of the fantastic on-line resources we are signed up to:  
Education City  
Timestable Rockstars