



St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 4

Year Group and Staff

Year 4

Teachers: Mrs Reid

Support Staff: Mrs Chase, Ms. Dial, Mrs. Annor -Agyei, Mrs. Cudjoe

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 circuit, 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.

R.E.

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

COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

CITIZENSHIP WEEK: 'EQUALITY MATTERS'-Wonderfully made-to encourage children to have a sense of responsibility for the community in which they live. 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. They will be exploring and developing playing skills using the glockenspiel. They will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing.

PE

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

Please ensure that your child brings in the appropriate kit.



St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



History/Geography

Ancient Egyptian Civilization

This teaching toolkit takes a fresh new look at this much-taught topic and provides the basis for a rigorous enquiry led approach for children in key stage 2. Packed full of ideas and links to resources, this toolkit provides a step by step guide to teaching the Egyptians from why they built pyramids, why they traded, to how interpretations of pharaohs and queens and their actions have been influenced over time and how ancient Egyptian culture came to be fused with ancient Greek.

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.

Computing

Year 4 will explore Online image and Self image and identity. They will explore different programmes using the Logo application.



Programming A - Repetition in shapes

Learners will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language to give instructions.

Children will also explore Data logging

In this unit, learners will consider how and why data is collected over time. Learners will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input device called sensors to monitor the environment.

MFL - French

Children will be learning about playtime and basic commands using the imperatives(bossy verbs). They will be saying what's in the playground and how to say a variety of playground games.

They will be using 'j'aime'-the verb 'I like' with another verb and say what and where they like to play.



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 Eating

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack with them to school, to be eaten at break time.

Art and D&T

Year 4 will use blending and layering this term, looking at some images of the rainforest. We will discuss colours, shading, oil pastels and model blending and layering.

The children will take some time to explore both techniques using their sketchbooks and use blending and layering techniques to create a rainforest scene, focusing on foliage.

As part of our Design Technology topic, Year 4 will be focusing on structures, shell Structures and Pyramids and Sarcophagus.

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.