

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



Year 6

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Ms Bernard and Ms Keaney
Support staff: Mrs Zariat and Mrs James

English

This term we will be reading the novel 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. We will be writing non-chronological reports, arguments and debates as well as persuasive pieces of writing.

We will also read 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty. 'Treason' is an historical novel set in Tudor times, when King Henry VIII was ruling England.

The children will also be embracing their debating skills and developing the technique of PEEL— Point, Example, Evidence, Link.



Maths

The children will be learning about numbers and our number system, the four operations and the relationships between them. Fractions, decimals and percentages will be explored. They will be further developing mental and written methods for calculation. Reasoning skills will continue to remain a focus.



Science

Our topics will be 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

Children will investigate micro-organisms and research the contributions Carl Linnaeus made to the classification of living things. They will also be focusing on 'Evolution and Inheritance' where they will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.



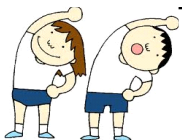
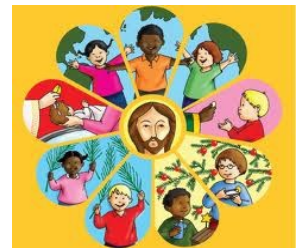
R.E.

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

Local Church: Sources -which will be linked to Citizenship Week

Unity: Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

Lent/Easter: Death and New life



PE

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit in on Thursdays.

In their weekly PE lesson the children will be further developing their knowledge and skills in Gymnastics.

Music



In class, children will be exposed to various genres of music through listening and appraising. They will explore Jazz, improvisation and composition and The music of Carole King using a programme called 'Charanga'.

Children will continue with violin lessons on Mondays after school and Music Tech on Tuesdays.

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History & Geography

In History, children will be studying 'The Blitz & World War II'. This unit will provide them with the opportunity to look at the Second World War as an aspect of British history that will extend their chronological knowledge beyond 1066.

In Geography, children will be comparing People and Places; Trade and Economics. They will explore goods that are imported and exported from Britain and the impact these have on other countries.

Computing



Children will continue to develop their computing skills by programming on Scratch. Children will write their own algorithms as well as editing and debugging existing codes. On 'Safer Internet Day' the children will explore this year's theme on 'Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

PSHE



During Citizenship weeks, we will be exploring the theme: 'Equality Matters' and looking at some of the nine protected characteristics. The children will also be taking part in weekly 'Well-Being' sessions where they will be able to express their thoughts and feelings.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework; however, parents need to support their children in doing so.

Homework is set on **Fridays** and is due to be turned in the following **Tuesday**.

Paper copies of Spellings will be given out on a Tuesday.

If homework is not turned in on time or is incomplete, it will not be marked.



Reading

Encourage your child to talk with you about the books they are reading. We expect every Y6 child to continue to read every night for at least 20 min and to be able to talk about what they have read. This practice is encouraged, as it helps to provide children with a template on which to model their own writing. It would be helpful if parents/carers could hear their child read at least once a week.

