

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter



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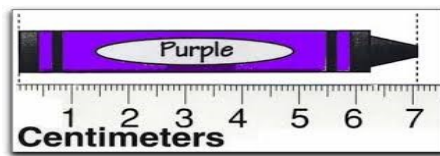
English & Big Write

Children will begin more challenging comprehension activities this term reading texts carefully so they can answer recall and inference questions. Children will also have regular grammar lessons to learn about word types, conjunctions as well as prefixes and suffixes and how these change words. In Big Write lessons, children will continue to improve their writing skills by ensuring sentences are punctuated correctly and make sense. They will plan, write and edit their very own stories as well as reports and recounts.



Maths + - x ÷

Year 1 will continue to practise and imbed key skills. Children will aim to become quick calculators by using number facts to add and subtract with larger numbers. They will also understand place value and how this can help us with addition and subtraction. Children will continue to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and begin to recognise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will delve a little deeper into 3D shapes and begin to measure length, time and capacity with greater accuracy.



Science

Children will start the term 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. Children will then move on to explore 'Animals and Plants Where We Live'. We will plant seeds and watch them grow, thinking about the best conditions needed for a young seedling. We will also visit the Natural History Museum to discover even more about the different kinds of animals we have learnt about this year.



RE

For this term, we will cover the following topics in RE lessons:

HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit. Children will explore the feast of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit made the disciples brave and full of energy to spread the good news. We will also see how the Holy Spirit can help us all today.

BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well. Children will begin to learn about reconciliation and how when we make mistakes or bad choices, we feel sorry and can ask for forgiveness. We will also discuss how we can ask God to help us make good choices.

NEIGHBOURS— Neighbours share God's world. In this unit, children will learn how we are all neighbours as we all share God's world together, our common home. Pope Francis has challenged us to care for creation and think about our global neighbours and children will learn about what little changes they can make to help care for the Earth.



Reading

This term we will continue with sending reading books home every week.

Please read with your child and discuss the characters and events in the story, or the information and facts if it

is a non-fiction text. Children should read every evening with an adult. Please make sure your child has their reading book with them in their book bag every day.



PE

PE for Year 1 is **every Monday**. Please make sure your child has the

correct PE kit ready for Monday. In this term, we will focus on Athletics and Striking and Fielding games. As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has a water bottle, especially on their PE day.



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History & Geography

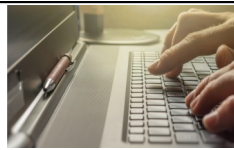
Year 1 will begin the term learning about Pirates in their History lessons. They will explore how the popular image of a pirate is far from the historical truth. They will focus on the famous Irish pirate Grace O'Malley, who terrorised the waters off the west coast of Ireland and even had an audience with Queen Elizabeth I.

Then after half term we will focus on our International topic, leading up to our annual celebration of International Day. Year One will be learning about **the Philippines**. As well as learning a traditional Filipino dance and how to design and prepare an authentic Filipino food children will also explore the physical and human features of this island nation.



Computing

Year 1 will focus on word processing in the first half of the term. They will learn how to change fonts, text sizes as well as some keyboard short cuts to help them improve their typing. They will consider the differences between using a computer to create text, and writing text on paper. They will be able to explain which method they prefer and explain their reasoning for choosing this. Then Year 1 will use the ScratchJr app - they will use programming blocks to use, modify, and create programs. Then the children will be introduced to the early stages of program design through the introduction of algorithms.



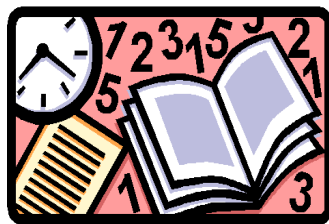
RHSE

This term children will explore how we are created and loved by God. They will also learn how our family helps us learn, grow and stay safe and how we are also created to love others and be part of different communities (families, friends, church, local area). Children explore these themes using stories from the Gospel.



Homework

Every week there will be one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework. Homework is **set on Friday** and is due to be **returned by Tuesday**. Please check your children's homework to make sure it is of a good standard. Children should also prepare for a weekly spelling test.



Music

The first topic in Music this term will be based on the children using their imagination. They will explore songs that create a dreamy and imaginative atmosphere and will have the opportunity to write lyrics and even create some dance moves. Then children will move on to The History of Music, looking back and consolidating their learning and learn some of the language of music.



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Handwriting

In Year 1, 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. As we get ready for Year 2, children will need to really focus on forming their letters correctly as soon they will begin to join up their writing.

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee				
Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj				
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French

Children will learn to describe their families and wish each other 'bon anniversaire' and say when their own birthday falls. Year 1 will then move to name different foods in French. We will also continue to revise numbers, colours and greetings.

