



Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class – Year 1 Children
Half Term 3 2020-2021

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and want to say a massive thank you for your very generous gifts, cards and messages at the end of last term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience. We are missing being able to invite you into our setting and share our environment with you and right now we are very much missing the children, but we are very impressed with all that the children are doing at home and thank you for your support with this.

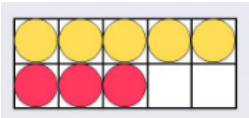
Maths

Addition within 20

We will be adding by counting on ones, using our number bonds to help us and solving addition word problems.

Subtraction within 20

We will be subtracting tens and ones crossing over the tens barrier. We will be solving picture and word problems using subtraction and using related addition facts to help us work out the answer. Throughout the maths curriculum the children will be using different models and representations. They will be using practical objects to support the deepening of their understanding and we will be

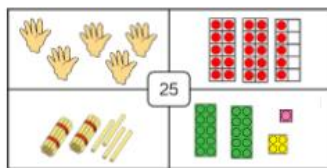


working on their ability to solve problems and apply reasoning strategies, they will be working on answering 'why' or 'how' an answer was reached.

Number: Place Value (within 50)

We will be counting forwards and backwards within 50 and building on previous learning of numbers to 20. We will learn about grouping in 10s and understanding of 1 ten being equal to 10 ones.

Here is an example for 25



English

We will be looking at texts linked to our topic 'Moon Zoom'. We will be reading the stories 'Beegu' 'Smeds and Smoos' and 'The Way Back Home'. We will be writing letters and diaries in role as different characters working on us writing in the past tense. We will be retelling the stories using full sentences focusing on capital letters, full stops and using 'and' to connect our ideas.



We will also be looking at using capital letters for proper nouns, and learning about the different word types (verbs, nouns).

Phonics

The children will continue 'Phase 5' of 'Letters and Sounds'. In these sessions the children will learn a series of new letter sounds and different ways to make the sounds they have already learnt. The children will continue to learn how to read and spell tricky words or 'common exception words'.

RE Our topic for this term is: Families and Celebrations

The children will learn about what it means to be a member of a family and to be a member of the school community. They will learn what it means to belong to the Church family.

They will hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion. They will learn about some of the

Chinese New Year –

As part of our work on learning about other faiths. In St Francis class we focus on celebrations from around the world. On Friday 12th February the world celebrated the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox. In class during the week beginning

PE – In PE this term we will be learning about:

Sending and receiving

We will also be doing weekly yoga sessions through 'Cosmic Yoga for Kids'

celebrations in the Church and why we celebrate these occasions.



8th
February
we will
be
making
and
tasting
Chinese food, learning about
the celebration, making
decorations and sending
cards.



Curriculum- Our topic this half term is 'Moon Zoom'

Geography: We will be looking at images of Earth from Google Earth. We will be using basic geographical vocabulary to identify and describe physical features, such as beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley and vegetation. We will be using simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language (e.g. near and far; left and right), to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

History: We will be learning about the lives of significant individuals who have impacted on the development of space travel.

Art and DT: We will be using drawing software on the ipads to create our own amazing alien pictures. Later on in the half term we will be planning, designing and making our own space ship. We will be investigating different ways to make and join our structures, using taping, gluing and tying. We will also be exploring ways of making a structure sturdier so that it can stand alone

Computing: We will be using floor robots, helping us to understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions

Science: - Linked to 'Moon Zoom'

We will be investigating and describing the simple physical properties of some everyday materials. We will be identifying and naming what different objects are made from and comparing and grouping materials in a variety of ways. We will be looking at natural, man-made and recyclable or non-recyclable materials. We will also be gathering and recording simple data in a range of ways (data tables, diagrams and Venn diagrams).



Reading

Where possible we would recommend you hear your child read daily. When you have listened to your child one of the online books from Active Learn please write a comment or sign to show that the book has been read – we can catch up with this when school is fully open to all children.

Thank you to all of you for the pictures, work and videos already uploaded on to Google Classroom. We really love looking through them. As teachers recording lessons, planning sessions for home is far from ideal and not what we wanted but we appreciate all you are doing at home.

We are loving seeing all the children during the live sessions at 1pm – it really is the highlight of our day!

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office

Best Wishes

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