



Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class – Year 1 Children
Half Term 4 2020-2021

Many thanks to everyone for all their support with online learning. We appreciate all the effort at home and understand that remote learning provides challenges for parents and children. We have been amazed at all the work going on at home and we look forward to seeing all of the children every day at 1pm for our live sessions, so thank you to all you are doing to facilitate this.

Maths

Place value within 50

We will be exploring counting in 2s and 5s to 50 looking at the patterns we can see. We will also be answering addition and subtraction word problems. In our maths sessions we use a range of practical resources to support the children deepen their knowledge. We use counters, cubes, base ten, tens frames and part-whole models. We will ensure part-whole models and tens frames are available on Google Classroom. Buttons, coins or sweeties make great substitutions at home for counters.

Length and Height

We will be comparing lengths and heights using non-standard units of measuring. We will also begin using rulers to measure accurately.



Weight and Volume

We will be comparing and measuring the weight of objects. We will then be comparing and measuring the capacity of different containers (seeing how much a container can hold).

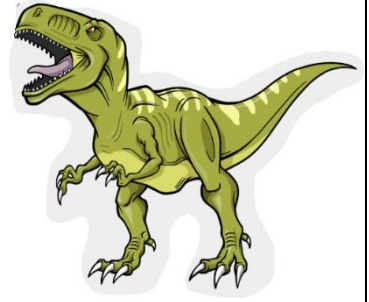
RE - Our topic for this term is: **Following Jesus**

In our RE work we will be learning about how Jesus chose His Disciples and how He taught them to pray. We will be learning the story of the good Samaritan and think about what we can learn from this story. During Holy Week at the end of this half term we will look closely at the different parts of the Easter story.



English

We will be looking at texts linked to our topic 'Dinosaur Planet'. We will begin looking at a selection of dinosaur poems, we will be reading poems and riddles and having a go at performing some poetry too. We will then move on to reading 'Dear Dinosaur' and then we will be writing information reports using the facts we find out about dinosaurs. For this we will be looking closely at non-fiction texts and features of reports.



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'.

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

Gymnastics. Looking at different ways of travelling, balancing and jumping.

We will continue to upload links to Yoga regularly as I know many have said the children are enjoying these sessions.

The children will be taught in a creative way through **themes and topics**, through a given theme we then cover key skills from all aspects of the National Curriculum for Year 1.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is 'Dinosaur Planet'

Speaking and Listening

As a class we will be listening to a range of poems and stories. We will be answering questions about what we have read or looked at to demonstrate our understanding. We will also be performing poems orally and practising our reading out loud skills.

Geography – We will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world; naming them and locating them on a range of maps.

Computing – We will be creating and filming our own short stop motion animation movie. We will also be creating our own simple presentations of what we have learnt about this topic.

History– We will be learning about the life of Mary Anning as a significant person. We will also be finding out what happened to the dinosaurs.

Art and DT: We will be creating our own prehistoric landscapes, making a large giant dinosaur junk model, baking and having a go at making our own dinosaur sock puppets – so very busy!



To help your child at home you could -

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.



- Keep attending the live sessions as much as possible.
- Engage with as much of the content on Google Classroom as possible – if it is over whelming or too much we recommend prioritising the daily phonics and maths videos
- Play, be creative and have fun – we are so grateful for all your support we thank you for all you are doing to ensure your child is content, settled and happy.

General information

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 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

Mrs C Gilhooly and Mrs S Fisher