

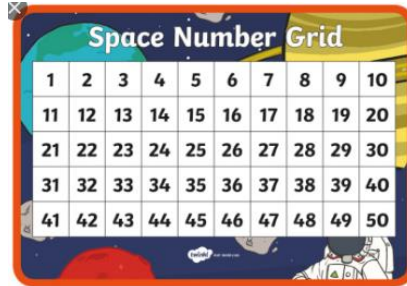


**Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class – Year 1 Children**  
**Half Term 5 2020-2021**

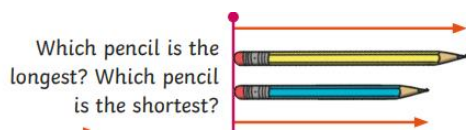
The children have really embraced us all being back in the classroom together and are continuing to make us all proud. We can hardly believe that we are already in the Summer Term!

**Maths**

Numbers to 50 – we will be counting, reading and writing numerals. We will be working on developing our understanding of the place value of each digit. So 34 is 30 + 4 more.



Length and height - We will be measuring and comparing the length and height of objects and using the following



vocabulary;  
long/short,  
longer/shorter,  
tall/short.

Weight and volume – We will be finding out the weight of objects and comparing the capacity/volume of containers.

Multiplication – We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and using this to solve multiplication problems.

**RE** - Our topic for this term is: **Resurrection**

In our RE work we will be learning about signs and symbols of Easter. We will be learning about what makes us feel joy and learning about the joy the disciples felt when they saw Jesus. We will also be thinking about how Thomas doubted Jesus and how there are some questions around our faith that we can not answer.



**English**

We will be looking at three stories linking to our topic 'Are we there yet?' We will be predicting what the story will be about, using a range of



activities to demonstrate our comprehension and then writing for a range of purposes. We will write exclamation sentences, writing in the past tense and adding the suffix 'ing' to verbs.

**Phonics**

The children will continue 'Phase 5' of 'Letters and Sounds'. These sessions will be focused around spelling and writing sentences using their phonics. They will be learning to become more accurate with their spelling by choosing the correct spelling to make certain sounds.

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

**Athletics** – We will be improving running for distance and exploring sprinting techniques. We will also be developing a range of jumping and throwing skills used in athletics specific events such as javelin and long jump.

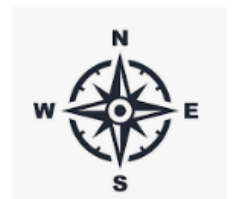
The children thoroughly enjoy their PE lesson with Mr Gibson and are actively engaged and involved each week, developing their personal skills in confidence, listening and also physical ability.

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 'Are we there yet?'**

**Speaking and Listening** - As a class, we will be making predictions and then evaluating our results of observations and experiments. We will be encouraged to reason and explain our thinking and findings.

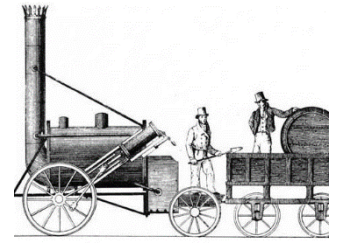
**Geography** – We will be using simple compass directions, location and directional language whilst carrying out some simple fieldwork. We will be looking at aerial photographs of our school and making our own map using geographical vocabulary to identify and describe the features. We will be learning to identify landmarks and basic human and physical features. We will also conduct a traffic survey first hand to enhance our locational awareness and compare traffic in two places.



**Design Technology** – We will be communicating our ideas to plan and design a boat through talking about our ideas and drawing them. We will select from and use a wide range of materials according to their characteristics to make the design. We will also evaluate and test our ideas and designs.

**History**– We will be learning about the life of George Stephenson as a significant person. We will also be finding out about the history of the train. We will order this information on a timeline and find out how and why trains have changed over time.

**Science:** Our focus will be on plants. We will make close observations of parts of a plant and compare them to other. We will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants including trees and be able to describe how they grow. We will be conducting our own experiments and tests and be encouraged to ask questions that can be tested. We will grow our own beans and cress, making observations over time to answer enquiry questions.



**To help your child at home you could -**

Reading

Where possible we would recommend you hear your child read daily. 5-10 minutes every day really helps the children to consolidate their decoding and word reading as well as encouraging a love of reading.



**General information**

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays. Every other day the children need to be in their school uniform.

We kindly ask that the children have a water bottle in school daily.

We are hoping the weather continues to improve, can we please ask children come with a sun hat and sun cream applied in the morning before school.

**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**