



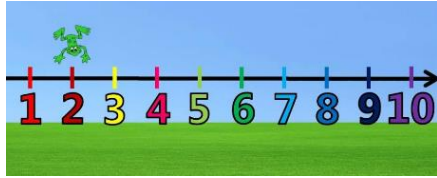
Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class

Half Term 5 2021-22

We can hardly believe that we are already in the Summer Term and that the children's first year at Sacred Heart is going so quickly! Hopefully this newsletter will give you an insight to the exciting learning opportunities we have planned this half term.

Maths –

In our maths this half term we will be using number lines to



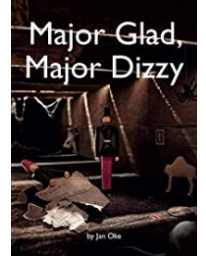
support the children with their understanding of how to 'add' by counting on and 'take away' by counting backwards.

We will be looking closely at teen numbers and how these are ten and some more. To support this work we will be using practical equipment to help the children 'see' the number.



We will then move on to looking at numerical patterns. These include doubling, halving and looking at how we know if a number is odd or even.

English- We will be looking at three stories linking to our topic. 'Long Ago'. The books that have been chosen link to them thinking about their own history and events that happened in the past. We will be predicting what the story will be about, using our sounds to write captions and sentences and becoming more confident at reading back what we have written. We will continue to learn and write irregular common words.



Phonics

We will move on to looking at 'Phase 4' phonics. Within this phase the children do not learn any new sounds but focus on their confidence with using their sounds they know so far. We will also be learning 'Phase 4' tricky words which I will post on Tapestry. Phase 4 also focusses on reading and writing longer words with harder consonant blends for example 'lk' 'nk' 'mp'.

RE - Our topic for this term is: **New Life**

We will be looking for signs of spring and new life all around us. We will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and talk about how this brings us all Easter joy. We will learn how Jesus appeared to His disciples and then how He ascended back to His Father in Heaven.



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

Gymnastics – The children will be learning the Fundamental Sport Skills associated with gymnastics. They will be balancing, jumping and showing control with their movements.

The children thoroughly enjoy their PE lessons with Mr Gibson and are actively engaged and involved each week, developing their personal skills in confidence, listening and also physical ability. PE will return to being once a week on a Tuesday.

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 Early Years Foundation Stage. Through the activities we plan we aim that the children are engaged in their learning through play through exploration and investigation.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is 'Long Ago'

We will begin the topic thinking about what 'history' is and how their history is anything that has happened to them in their past. This will support us in thinking about babies, toddlers and children. We will be thinking of questions to ask about babies and toddlers and hopefully having some visitors into class! We will be talking about the children's special memories and events that have happened to them in the past.



As the half term progresses we will move on to thinking about what life is like now compared to that of the lives of their grandparents/ great-grandparents. To support this, we will be using a range of books and pictures to support our understanding of how life used to be different in the past.

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. Please if you do hear your child read make a comment in their reading record journal. The children also have online books set on their 'Bug Club' account which you can access at any time.

Week commencing 2.5 – the children will be bringing home a 'Family Tree' to complete and some questions to ask their grandparents. If this isn't possible a parent could answer the questions.

Week commencing 9.5 – We ask that the children bring in a 'memory box' this week. A box that contains bits and pieces all about one special memory. This could be a photograph, present, invitation, a piece of clothing.

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. However, with this still being England we continue to ask that the children bring a coat to school every day.

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

Best Wishes

Mrs C Gilhooly