










# St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

## Primary 1

<p>Literacy and English</p> 	<p>This term in our <b>reading</b> lessons we will be exploring the features and differences of fiction and non-fiction texts and will focus on the reading skills of questioning and summarising. Using Phonics International we will build on our knowledge of <b>phonics</b> by exploring 'alternative sounds' e.g. ai and ay, ou and ow. The children will continue to be given opportunities to participate in shared and 'have a go' <b>writing</b> activities. They will be supported in their efforts to write sentences using their knowledge of sounds to help them spell the words they want to write. This term we will focus on the use of connectives and adjectives within our writing and continue to reinforce the correct use of capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation. The children will be encouraged to continue to share their ideas, thoughts and opinions during class and group <b>discussions</b> and to demonstrate good <b>listening</b> skills.</p>
<p>Numeracy and Maths</p> 	<p>This term in numeracy and maths we will continue to reinforce addition and subtraction and the links between these concepts. We will continue to use concrete and pictorial strategies such as cubes or a number line. We will continue to practise skip counting in jumps of 2, 5 and 10. In mathematics we will introduce symmetry focusing on identifying symmetry in 2D shapes. The children will be encouraged to create their own symmetrical images and patterns. The children will be introduced to the concept of repeated addition through arrays e.g. <math>2+2+2</math>.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing /PE</p> 	<p>In Health and Wellbeing this term children will be learning about friendship and the qualities of a good friend. We will continue to explore our feelings and emotions through PATHS lessons. As part of Health and Wellbeing we will be exploring healthy eating and encourage children to bring in healthy snacks. In P.E. the children will be learning ball skills and balancing. Leading up to Sports Day we will introduce competitive races and games. Please remember that Primary 1 have gym on the following days: <b>Primary 1a- Tuesday</b> <b>Primary 1b- Wednesday</b> <b>Primary 1c- Monday</b> All jewellery should be removed.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>This term the children will be learning about Mary the Mother of Jesus as it is the month of May. The children will be revising The Hail Mary prayer during this time. We will continue to listen and discuss Bible stories and parables from the New Testament. We will continue to learn new hymns during weekly assembly.</p>

<p>IDL</p> 	<p>This term for IDL our topic is Under the Sea. In this topic we will be learning about different sea creatures, sea life, how to care for the sea and different facts about a range of sea animals. We will also explore a range of life cycles and food chains linked to different sea animals. In addition to this we will research and discuss different career paths and opportunities through our topic Developing the Young Workforce.</p>
<p>Technologies</p> 	<p>In technology we will further explore our topic Under the Sea using different search engines e.g. Google to research facts about sea life. We will collaborate with Primary 2 and our Primary 7 buddies to explore the application Book Creator and design our own book. In our STEAM room we will have opportunities to build 3D models.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts Music/ Drama/ Art</p>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Music:</b></p> <p>We will continue to participate in lessons with our CREATE tutor Mrs. Rodger and Mr. Dunn and we will learn about beat and rhythm. We will also learn a range of new songs with both teachers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Art:</b></p> <p>In Art we will create different sea creatures using a range of different materials. We will create art using symmetry e.g. butterflies. In addition, we will explore friendship by creating friendship clouds for our peers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Drama:</b></p> <p>Pupils will be introduced to mime in drama, we will use this to explore our topics this term. We will also use hot seating to explore a range of Julia Donaldson stories this term.</p>
<p>Modern Languages</p> 	<p>In languages this term will continue to practise numbers, days of the week and colours in French. This term we will be introduced to different types of weather and simple statements e.g. My name is ...</p>