

St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

Primary 1

Literacy and English 	This term in our reading lessons we will be exploring the features and differences of fiction and non-fiction texts and will focus on the reading skills of prediction. Using Phonics International we will build on our knowledge of phonics by exploring the sounds letters of the alphabet make e.g. n as in net. We will also begin to blend and segment three letter words. The children will develop their story writing skills by using the Foundations of Writing drawing programme. In these lessons the children use black pens to draw detailed pictures and retell their story to the teacher who scribes for this for them. The children will be encouraged to continue to share their ideas, thoughts and opinions during class and group discussions and to demonstrate good listening skills.
Numeracy and Maths 	This term in numeracy and maths we will begin to explore numbers 0-10 and look at different ways to make these numbers. We will use concrete and pictorial strategies such as cubes or a number line. We will practise counting forward and backwards to 20. The children will be introduced to the concept of addition and the symbols + and =. In mathematics we will be exploring the properties of 2D shapes and the different ways in which we can classify and sort these. We will also begin to learn about symmetry and identify and create symmetrical pictures and patterns.
Health and Wellbeing /PE 	In Health and Wellbeing this term children will be learning about friendship and the qualities of a good friend. We will begin to explore our feelings and emotions through PATHS lessons. As part of Health and Wellbeing we will be look at good hygiene practices e.g. hand washing and making healthy lifestyle choices by exploring healthy food choices. In P.E. the children will be learning ball skills and balancing. Please remember that Primary 1 have gym on the following days: Primary 1a- Monday and Wednesday Primary 1b- Monday and Thursday Primary 2/1- Monday and Thursday All jewellery should be removed on these days.
Religious Education 	This term the children will be learning about Mary the Mother of Jesus. The children will begin to learn the school prayers this term. We will learn that we are all unique and that our gifts and talents come from God. We will continue to learn new hymns during weekly assembly.

IDL 	This term for IDL our topics is Our Community. In this topic we will be learning about different people in our local community who help and support us.
Technologies 	In technology we will begin to explore iPad skills with our Primary 7 buddies. We will look at different applications such as Book Creator and Magma Maths. We will also explore the use of the internet by playing educational games on TopMarks.
Expressive Arts Music/ Drama/ Art 	Music: We will participate in lessons with our CREATE tutor Mrs. Rodger we will learn about beat, rhythm and a range of new songs. Art: In Art we will explore line, colour and pattern by creating a range of images. We will learn about hot and cold colours. Drama: Pupils will be introduced to mime in drama; we will use this to explore our topics this term.
Modern Languages 	In languages this term will begin to learn numbers and greetings.