

St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

Primary 4/3

Literacy and English 	This term Primary 4/3 will be revising previous sounds and learning to recognise and write new sounds and digraphs using Phonics International. They will also continue to blend and build words using known sounds. The class novel will be The Frankenstein Monster. Children will be given opportunities to create new texts through the Talk for Writing programme. They will be writing a set of instructions and a defeating the monster/portal story. They will be encouraged to plan using story maps as well as include openers, adjectives, similes, verbs and connectives in their sentences. They will read and answer literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension questions about a text. They will also explore a range of reading strategies. The children will also be giving a short talk on an object of their choice.
Numeracy and Maths 	This term the children are continuing to work with numbers 0-1000 and beyond. They will be learning about place value identifying and counting hundreds, tens and ones as well as zero as a placeholder. They will explore various strategies such as partitioning in order to solve addition and subtraction problems. In addition, they will practise skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number. Children will also identify and continue a range of patterns such as number patterns. This term they will focus on recognising halves, identifying properties of 2D shapes and answering questions related to tables and bar graphs.
Health and Wellbeing /PE 	In Health and Wellbeing this term, children will explore more feelings such as happy, sad, private, excited and tired through the PATHs programme. They will learn about the importance of self-belief and how to give compliments. In P.E. the children will focus on body control and ball skills. They will be learning Tai Chi and how to play basketball. Primary 4/3 will be learning about Neurodiversity and children's rights. Please remember that Primary 4/3 have Gym on the following days: Wednesday (Outdoor/Assembly Hall session) Friday (Gym Hall) Please ensure that your child is wearing a yellow or white t-shirt, jogging trousers and a pair of gym shoes (if possible) on these days. All jewellery should be removed. Please remember to choose your child's lunch on PARENTPAY (you can choose lunches 4 weeks in advance). Thank you.
Religious 	This term the children will have the opportunity to participate in Mass. We will be learning about Our Lady and her importance in the Catholic Faith. We will be learning about the Gospel Values and how we are a Catholic school. Through Laudato Si we will also be learning to make good choices and wants and needs. We will also be learning

Education	about our patron saint, St. Francis, and preparing for his feast day.
Sciences 	This term we will explore what a plant needs to grow and develop. We will be recording what we observe as we grow our own plants. This topic will be related to our writing programme.
Social Studies 	This terms topic is Scotland. In Geography, P4/3 will focus on naming the cities and learning about famous Scottish landmarks. In history, we will be creating timelines and comparing modern life in Scotland to life in the past.

Technologies 	In I.C.T. this term the children will have the opportunity to use the smartboard across their learning. Children will learn how to manipulate the iPad using features such as Camera and Mark Up. Also, children will use their digital skills across the curriculum by searching information using a search engine. Children will engage with Magma Maths to support their learning in Mathematics.
Expressive Arts Music/ Drama/ Art/ Dance 	Music: The children will be learning hymns throughout the term. Art: In art this term children will explore the use warm and cool colours. They will create pictures inspired by Steven Brown, a famous Scottish artist.
Modern Languages 	Children will continue to engage in conversations in French regarding greetings, numbers and colours. In addition, Primary 4/3 will explore French songs, food and famous landmarks.
Interdisciplinary Learning 	Our topic this term will be 'Scotland' which will be explored through Literacy, Expressive Arts and Social Studies. They will discuss and taste traditional Scottish food and create their own dream Scottish menu.