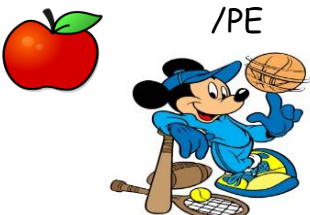


St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

Primary 6

Literacy and English 	This term Primary 6 will continue to develop their knowledge of spelling rules each week through our Phonics International programme. This programme introduces a new spelling sound to children, encouraging them to find the meaning and develop confidence and understanding of the spelling and the use of the word. The weekly spelling words will be part of their homework each week. Children will be learning about recount texts within their writing lessons, and this will be taught through our Talk for Writing programme. Talk for Writing encourages children to engage with their learning by imitating, innovating and inventing. Recount writing develops children's confidence in ambitious vocabulary, openers, adjectives, verbs and connectives in their sentences. Children will be encouraged to continue their great participation in their class novel, 'Wonder'. They will read and answer literal, inferential and comprehension questions about a text. They will also explore a range of reading strategies, developing their pace and fluency.
Numeracy and Maths 	This term in Numeracy, Primary 6 will be focusing on number and number processes. We will be learning the importance of place value and 0 as a place holder, as well as; rounding any 4-digit number to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 100,000, multiplication, times tables facts, ordering numbers, partitioning numbers and bridging numbers. We will explore the importance of number values and be able to order and compare numbers appropriately. Furthermore, children will use concrete materials to develop their knowledge and understanding of maths concepts, improving their skills and confidence.
Health and Wellbeing /PE 	During term 1, Primary 6 will be exploring emotions and identifying ways to manage them. We will explore strategies and identify what supports us to be the best version of ourselves. In P.E., we are learning about fitness and how we can maintain or improve our fitness levels. Children will be able to discuss and identify their own strengths and development needs within fitness activities as well as explain the benefits of maintaining a good fitness level. Furthermore, we will continue to work on our teamworking skills and identify the importance and benefits of working as a team. They will learn about the importance of a growth mindset and how to give compliments. In P.E. the children will focus on fitness and team building activities. Please remember that Primary 6 have gym on the following days: P6a - Wednesdays and Thursdays P6b - Tuesdays and Fridays

	Please ensure that your child has a yellow or white t-shirt, dark shorts and a pair of slip-on gym shoes (if possible) on these days. All jewellery should be removed.
Religious Education 	This term in R.E, our focus will include the story of Exodus and developing an understanding of Moses' timeline. We will also be working on raising our voices through songs from the bible, as well as learning about the life of St Paul and deepening our knowledge and understanding of The Creed.
Sciences 	This term children will be learning about Planet Earth: Biodiversity and Interdependence. Through this topic, children will be able to identify and classify examples of living things, discussing their eating habits and explore their life cycle and history. Children will be able to identify energy flow between animals and discuss behavioural characteristics which impact their survival or extinction.
Social Studies 	Children will participate in outdoor learning activities to develop their team building and problem-solving skills. They will plan, design and create their own bug hotel using natural materials. They will also use maps for orienteering which will help with their navigation skills. Through these activities, Primary 6 will build confidence, resilience, and a deeper connection with the natural environment.
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 and carefully select suitable information on a website. They will also explore and reflect on their digital footprint as well as discuss how to behave appropriately in online environments, remaining polite and respectful. Primary 6 will also learn to code and control a robot toy (Sphero) so that it can follow a simple path.
Expressive Arts Music/ Drama/ Art/ Dance 	Music: The children will be developing their skills through our R.E programme and Raising Our Voices to the Lord. Children will have the opportunity to explore different rhythms and melodies. Art: In art this term children will explore optical illusions. They will create pictures inspired by various artists, discussing and identifying their features. Drama:

	The Talk for writing programme provides fantastic opportunities for drama. The children will take part in hot seat activities; role play and character development.
Modern Languages 	Throughout this term Children will continue to develop their knowledge, understanding and confidence of the French/Spanish Language. They will use French vocabulary for the date and weather. Children will continue to develop their knowledge of numbers, greetings and colours.
Interdisciplinary Learning 	Our topic this term will be 'Planet Earth - Biodiversity and Interdependence' which will be explored through Literacy, Expressive Arts, Science and Social Studies. Children will learn about different types of plants, animals, and habitats in their local environment. They will explore how living things depend on each other and what happens when ecosystems are damaged. Pupils may take part in outdoor investigations, such as bug hunts or habitat surveys, to observe biodiversity first-hand. They will also learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and ways to care for the planet. Through group projects and research, they will develop skills in observation, recording data, and presenting information.