

St Francis Primary School Curriculum Information for Parents/Carers

Literacy and English 	This term Primary 5a and 5b will be continuing to revise, recognise and write sounds using Phonics International. Children will be focusing on using a range of connectives, openers and ambitious punctuation and vocabulary to enhance their writing. Our writing focuses this term are recount and a wish story through Talk for Writing. Children will be working on a variety of comprehension type questions such literal, inferential and evaluative.
Numeracy and Maths 	Across numeracy this term, the children will develop their understanding of numbers to 10,000, including counting, ordering, representing and partitioning numbers. They will practise estimating and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The children will continue to develop their skills in the four operations, adding and subtracting up to 4-digit numbers using a range of strategies. Within Maths, the children will review the properties of 2D shapes, including angles and lines of symmetry, and use the 8 compass points to describe and follow directions. They will also develop their ability to interpret bar charts, pictograms and line graphs.
Health and Wellbeing /PE 	In Health and Wellbeing this term children will continue progress in PATHS and relate these to real-life situations. As well as this, the children will be learning about emotions, developing their understanding of different feelings and how to recognise, express and manage their emotions in a positive way. In P.E. the children will develop their skills in hockey and basketball, focusing on passing, catching, dribbling, shooting and moving effectively as part of a team. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE uniform, e.g. a yellow or white t-shirt, shorts/joggers and suitable shoes. No football kits should be worn for PE. All jewellery should be removed.
Religious Education 	In RE, the children will be exploring Christianity in Scotland and how it came to our country. They will also be exploring their gifts and talents and trying to live each day demonstrating the Gospel Values. Children are always happy to share their faith with others in the class.
Sciences 	This term the children will be consolidating their knowledge of the water cycle, learning the importance of water in daily life and carrying out experiments linked to buoyancy.

Technologies 	In technologies this term the children will have the opportunity to use iPads across their learning. Children will be focusing on becoming more familiar with using the iPad, internet safety and showing how they can be responsible, respectful and safe using technologies. Children will further improve their use of various apps such as 'Showbie', 'Book Creator' and 'Magma Maths' to assist their learning.
Expressive Arts Music/ Drama/ Art/ Dance 	Music: Our classes will be exploring Scottish music and artists through our topic 'Scotland Through the Decades'. Art: In Art we will be looking at line work, colour (identifying hot and cold colours) and creating designs inspired by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Scott Naismith. Children will have the opportunity to link this with other areas in the curriculum.
Modern Languages 	In Spanish, we will be learning to say and use basic greetings and learning how to count to 20. We will continue to revise our learning throughout the year through songs, quizzes and games. We will be learning about various aspects of Spanish culture.
Interdisciplinary Learning 	Our IDL topic will be 'Scotland Through the Decades' with a strong focus on the development of Scotland through the years comparing the past to the present. Children will be researching key historical events that have shaped the culture, lifestyle and political landscape of Scotland by creating a timeline. The children will also be exploring different Scottish Inventors and Scottish Landscape.