



St.Francis Primary School

P.7 Newsletter – September/October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to your child's last year as a pupil of St Francis! The children have settled incredibly well back into the routines of school. They have shown real resilience and I am so proud of how they have adapted. This will be a great year for Primary 7 and a year in which the children will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am looking forward to getting to know the children and working with them in this important year!

Mrs P McDonald Follow us on Twitter! **@StFrancisPG P6**

Literacy

We will be focussing on reading strategies this term from our class novel '**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**' by John Boyne.

The children will be **summarising, predicting, inferring, questioning** and **visualising** based on what they have read/heard. We will be using "**post-its**" to reinforce our learning and encourage children to delve deeper into the text. Children will also explore these reading strategies through the Bug Club reading scheme.

Please encourage your child to read different materials for pleasure at home.

As part of our Active Literacy programme, we will be continuing to develop our spelling and phonics. We will continue to develop our **talking** and **listening** skills by participating in discussion circles. Children will be encouraged to think about eye contact and listening when others are speaking.

As part of the Talking and Listening programme, children will be tasked with preparing and delivering a short solo talk of their choice. This builds confidence and self-esteem especially when children become aware that they are engaging the audience.

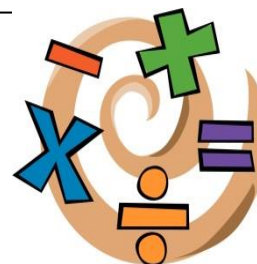
Numeracy

We will be revising and reinforcing previous learning in these first few weeks, including place value and fractions. We will also be learning how to link decimals, fractions and percentages.

Our main areas for focus will be:

- Place value - up to millions
- Sequencing/ordering numbers up to 1 million
- Decimals and linking this to percentages
- Estimating and rounding larger numbers

Please encourage and support your child to revise their times tables at home to support their classwork and aid their numeracy work.



Homework will be given to reinforce learning in class when appropriate.

Interdisciplinary Learning - WWII

Our topic is World War II with a particular focus on the Homefront and the impact of the war on family life for those left behind. This topic covers all curricular areas with children exploring the concept of **Evacuation, Rationing, Propaganda, events leading up to the war and the devastation of the Blitz air raid attacks.**

Although WWII occurred more than 75 years ago, children thoroughly enjoy the learning experiences associated with this topic and are fascinated by these historical events, especially when we learn the events which affected our local area.

We will be exploring the politics associated with WWII and linking to current political situations. We will also be exploring the persecution of Jewish people and the concentration camps.

We will be reading our novel "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas" and using this to enhance and enrich our WWII learning.

Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes so they can make healthy life choices. We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Tuesday & Friday.**

During this term the children will be learning about;

Class charter/ Rights

Safe playing

Relationships/friendships

Hand/ toilet hygiene

Internet safety

Travelling to school



R.E. - following the Gospel Values

Based on 'This is our Faith'.

Children show a good understanding of identifying our school values within the weekly gospels and relating this to issues they face in their own lives especially at a time when so much is changing.

We will be learning how to find passages in the Bible

It is important to continue to help children realise the importance their faith in Jesus can play in their lives as they take this next big step and help them realise that Jesus can be a friend in whom they can find support through prayer.

We will be learning about a number of different saints in preparation for Confirmation.

