



# St. Francis Primary School

## P.6 Newsletter – August/September 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.6's Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn! I hope this gives you an idea of what P.6 will be learning about this term and would be grateful if you would talk to your child about their learning to help them reinforce the work we are doing in class.

Please remember to get in touch if you have any questions.

You can also follow

Primary 6 on Twitter - [@StFrancisPGMrsT](https://twitter.com/StFrancisPGMrsT)

Thank you! Mrs Thompson



### Literacy

We will **read** our class novel "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. The novel will provide ample opportunity for discussion and the use of reciprocal strategies to help deepen children's understanding of the text. This will also link with our Health & Wellbeing activities. This term we will be focussing on word retrieval and comprehension skills. The children will be **predicting, clarifying, questioning** and **making connections** to develop their understanding of the book and using post-it's to demonstrate their learning.

Through the 'Active Literacy'" programme we are working to improve our narrative **writing skills**. We will be using **Vocabulary Connectives** **Openers** and **Punctuation** (VCOP strategies) to uplevel and improve our writing.

We will also continue to use our Bug Club books in class and for home learning.

In grammar we will be focussing on sentence structure, nouns, adverbs, adjectives, verbs and homonyms.

### Numeracy

This term we will be revising times tables and prior learning, we will also be learning:

- To choose the most efficient strategy to carry out mental Maths calculations.
- Estimating and rounding numbers to the nearest 1000.
- Place value to 1000000 - ordering and comparing numbers
- Addition and subtraction
- Beyond number - Time



Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.

## Interdisciplinary Learning – Video games

During this term we will be using and developing skills from a variety of subjects such as Literacy, Science, Social Subjects, Art & Design and Health and Wellbeing etc.

- We will be exploring the history of the video game – where did it start?
- What video games used to look like and how they have progressed to the modern day.
- We will be designing our own video game character & video game.
- We will debate whether or not we believe certain video game themes can influence people in negative ways.
- We will take part in a variety of group and class discussions including the potential physical and social impacts of playing video games for excessive periods of time.

## Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes so they can make healthy choices in life. 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 & Wednesday**

During this term the children will be learning about:

- Rights & Responsibilities – School /Class charters
- Safe play in the playground
- Making new friends
- Being a good friend
- Hand/toilet hygiene
- Internet safety

We will be using our class novel 'Wonder' to explore how we treat one another.

## R.E. – following the Gospel Values

P.6 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

The focus for this term will be; Bible stories - God's Wonderful World

October – Feast of St.Francis – Devotion to Mary

The children will participate in celebrating mass and will learn mass responses.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

We will also be beginning our journey through the Pope Francis Faith Award.

