

Newsletter - Key Stage One - Spring Term

Welcome back to our spring term, after the Christmas break.

Dates for your Diary

Please remember that children are allowed to bring in their own water bottles, named, with water, rather than juice or fizzy drinks.

Don't forget Open Afternoon on Monday 12th March at 3:30pm. World Book Day is week beginning Monday 26th February so have a think about what you might like to wear or dress up in.

Please ensure all items are labelled with names regularly.

P.E. Days

The children need suitable P.E. kits for outdoor and indoor sessions. These should be plain navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a plain white top. Tracksuit/fleece jackets and trainers are needed for outdoor P.E. and plimsoles for indoor P.E.

Year 1 — Tuesdays with FA skills coach (until half term) and Thursdays with P.E. specialist Mrs Mullis.
Year 2 - Thursdays and with Mrs Mullis on Fridays.

Subjects

Our topic this term is 'Amazing Inventions' and will focus on history of toys (Year 1) and history of technology (Year 2); In Science, we are being 'Mad Scientists' with lots of exciting and unusual experiments as well as looking at habitats and living things. RE will be focusing on Inspiring People of faith and then after half term, Lent and Easter. In Computing, we are learning about digital media and E-safety. Art and DT will be looking at drawing skills with observational drawings, printing and design plans linked to our topic.



We would like to invite you to our 'Parental Engagement' about maths in KS1. **Year 2 will be Wednesday 21st February at 2:20pm** in the school hall. **Year 1 will be Thursday 22nd February at 2:20pm** in the main hall. They will be fantastic opportunities to share, learn and love everything to do with maths. How we teach maths, expectations in both year groups and to learn about some of the latest developments in the subject with reasoning and mastery. Also with Year 1, there will be an opportunity to look at phonics if you have missed any meetings.

Mrs Fenwick will be teaching Miss Brazier's class every Wednesday.

End of Key Stage One Assessments

All Year 2 parents/carers are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 31st January at 4pm in the Year 2 classrooms for your child/children. An explanation will be given of all the upcoming assessments that will be completed this May 2018. Please ensure no holidays planned in May!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This will take place week beginning 11th June.

Just a reminder that at St. Francis we are happy to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have regarding your child/children. Please talk to your class teacher as soon as possible rather than other parents/carers so we can solve issues quickly and fairly. Thank you for your support.

Trip to Preston Park

We are excited to say we have planned a Key Stage One visit to Preston Park to look at the artefacts through the decades in the museum to link to our 'Amazing Inventions' topic. More details to follow soon, with dates for both Year 1 and 2 trips.



Homework

In KS1, your child will receive homework every Friday to be handed back in as early as possible the following week. This will be one piece relating to work covered in class during that week. In addition, for Year 2, there may be times when specific English and Maths activities will be given for an extra boost.

Reading

Reading is essential to children's learning. In Year 1 and 2, children's books will be changed on a Monday and a Friday if they have been read at home. Please let us know when your child has finished the book by writing a comment in their reading diary. Your comments are greatly valued.

In Year 2, we will be doing guided reading sessions to focus on specific reading skills and targets.



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