

Newsletter - Key Stage One - Spring Term

Welcome back for a busy,
exciting term.



Please ensure all items are labelled regularly. School drawstring bags are better than the larger backpacks.

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 plimsolls for indoor P.E.

Year 1 – Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Year 2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mrs Mullis (P.E. specialist) will be teaching one session of P.E. a week, for both year groups.

We have a number of lost property items in school, including hats, gloves, P.E. clothes and even two left shoes!

Subjects

Our topic this term is 'Inspiring Individuals' and will focus on the historical people who have achieved amazing challenges in their lives. Captain James Cook, Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Grace Darling to name but a few. In Science, we are looking at animals including humans. RE will be focusing on, 'Who do Christians believe made the world?' in Year 2 and, 'What is the good news that Christians believe Jesus brings?' in Year 1. Then after half term, both year groups will look at Salvation with Easter. In Computing, we will further develop our skills using different programmes, as well as looking at Internet safety use.

D.T. will be researching healthy foods and drinks.



Inspiring Individual Day

We are excited to invite parents/carers/grandparents to celebrate our work in school with a focus on our topic work.

We are having an 'Inspiring Individuals day,' where children can come to school dressed as an inspiring person. Florence Nightingale, Elvis Presley, Harry Kane or J.K. Rowling...so start thinking now of costumes. We will enjoy lots of activities in the morning and invite everyone in the hall on the afternoon to celebrate our learning together. This will be in March and a detailed letter will be sent closer to the time.



Year 1 classes are always generating amazing areas for the children to use and learn in. We would much appreciate any donations of class resources that we regularly use, such as recyclable craft materials. A voluntary contribution of 50p per child weekly, would be greatly received to continue buying much needed resources for Year 1.

Thank you in advance. KS1 team.

End of Key Stage One Assessments

All Year 2 parents/carers are invited to a meeting on Thursday 28th February at 4pm in the Year 2 classroom for your child/children. An explanation will be given of all the upcoming assessments that will be completed this May 2019. Please ensure no holidays planned in May!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This will take place week beginning 10th June 2019.

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.

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, there may be times when specific English and maths activities will be given for an extra boost.

Remember:

Every child should have log in details for DB Primary and Spelling Shed.

These are recommended aids for children to access at home.



Children are loving Marvellous Me and it has been a positive influence in KS1. Please download the app to your mobile if you haven't already done so.

Reading

Reading is essential to children's learning.

We recommend reading every day for about 10 minutes. Please write the page number that has been read up to and let us know when your child has finished the book too. We are currently updating the KS1 reading scheme to include a better variety of books to read.

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



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