



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.

Sports Day—KS1 Sports day will be in July during Health and Fitness week and a notice of the date and time will be given shortly.

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Subjects

Our topic this term is 'Where in the World?' and will focus on geography skills.



It is linked to our Science work, as we will be comparing locations around the world, looking at plants and animals in forests and rainforests. We will also be testing and investigating how plants grow. RE will be looking into 'caring for our world' and Islam.

In Computing, we will be focusing on programming using Beebots and Scratch. Our Art work will focus on collage skills and link to our science work on plants and exotic plants.



Year 2—KS1 Assessments

As you are aware, we are currently assessing all children to inform our KS1 end of year assessments in May 2019 and the annual report, given in July 2019.

The month of May is particularly important in school for all assessments, not just for tests so we strongly advise that NO holidays are requested during this time. We can work around children being ill but it is so difficult to catch up with their learning and our assessing if holidays are taken whereby the children miss such a lot of teaching.

Positivity, praise, resilience and rewards.

Marvellous Me—We hope you are enjoying receiving badges, messages and activities your children have achieved.

Even if they haven't received a Mme that week, we strive to be positive with our praise for lots of reasons, including completing work to the best of their ability, respectful of adults in school or kindness and caring to others.

As you are aware, we have continued Class DOJO in Ks1 classes alongside the introduction of Mme, but we will not be continuing DOJO next academic year in September 2019.



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.

Dates:

Year 2 KS1 assessments

May 2019.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This will take place week beginning
10th June 2019.

KS1 Visit to Durham Botanical Gardens.

Year 1 classes will be going on their
trip on Monday 17th June. Year 2
classes will be going on Friday 21st
June.

It is an amazing place suited for our
science and geography topics.

If parents/grandparents/carers etc.
would like to join us, please let the
teachers know or our
school administrators,
Mrs Douglas and Miss
Pickering know. (DBS
checks needed).



Thank you

Please ensure that sun cream is applied each
morning to last the day. Sun cream should
not be brought into school.

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.



Reading

We are happy to say, we have overhauled KS1
reading schemes. We no longer need to read the
traditional scheme

books (ORT) in order to further children's reading
skills. We have colour-coded the books so we know
the stages of their reading but have included
many different genres and types of books that will
only enhance enjoyment, interest, decoding and
retrieving skills, vocabulary and comprehension.

Reading is essential to every child'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.

For Year 2 children, it is vital children get meaning
and understanding from their reading. Asking com-
prehension questions will help to support this. New
vocabulary should be looked up in a dictionary or
explained when reading. Characters should be
explored by their behaviours, settings should be
imagined from adjectives, similes,
structure should be understood
by adverbial phrases and the
events that have happened.
Reading aloud should have
intonation and expression. Genres
and authors should be explored making links,
inferences and comparisons.

