



St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays, please help your child to complete and bring it back on Monday.
Thank you!

Diary dates

10th Dec - Christmas jumper day £1
13th Dec - Carol Concert 2pm
20th Dec - party 1-3, disco 3.45-4.45
21st Dec - School closes for Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after our half term break, we hope you had a good break and are looking forward to the term ahead. While things remain a little different in school, Year 1 have been working very hard and we are pleased with the progress they have made so far. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Lloyd, Miss Bhatti, Mrs Mikinnik

RE: Mary Our Mother. Learning about Mary the Mother of Jesus and why she is so important to us

English: Writing - *Rapunzel* (by Bethan Woollvin) - Traditional tale Narrative and instructions

Maths: Addition and Subtraction within 10, Geometry and place Value within 20

PSHE: Celebrating Difference, learning how wonderful we all are, how we are all different and unique and celebrating this

PE: Games and Ball Skills every **Tuesday**

Science: Materials investigating properties and why different materials are good for certain things.

Geography: Castles, which physical land features made castles easier to defend, name and locate UK capital cities and their castles.

Design Technology: Delightful Decorations. Explore different decoration, practising cutting and painting skills. Designing and evaluating

Computing: Toys and games. Learning about how to programme and give simple instructions

Reading

We have been enjoying reading our new Read, Write Inc. books and are now ready to start sending these home. As part of the scheme, children are organised into phonics groups and their Read Write Inc. teacher will be responsible for changing the books with different groups changing their books at different times. The books that they bring home will have been read in school and so they should be fairly confident at reading the words. Please spend time listening to your child reading their book a few times to develop fluency, expression and enjoyment. **Children must bring their book bag every day to school.**

PE

PE days will continue to be **Tuesday**. Please come to school in your correct PE kit on this day. This should also include a sweatshirt/jumper especially as the weather gets colder. We are still having to keep the windows in classroom open to aid ventilation so please ensure your child has added layers under their school uniform on normal uniform days also.

Google Classroom

Thank you to all the parents who are now logged on and using Google classroom with your child. In this ever changing time the use of technology is essential for your parental partnership with school and you should be accessing this with your child and uploading work. It's a great way to send messages to. If you are having problems with accessing Google classroom please phone the school Office for advice as soon as possible as will be monitoring usage.

Many thanks for your continued support in your child's learning and I look forward to speaking to you all next week through our parental consultations.

School Golden Rules

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2. **Listen**
3. **Try your best**
4. **Be Positive**



RE Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
Amen*

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

1 st	November	All Saints’	7 th December	St. Ambrose
2 nd	November	All Souls	8 th December	Immaculate Conception
11 th	November	St. Martin	13 th December	Third Sunday of Advent
21 st	November	Presentation of Mary	14 th December	St. John of the Cross
22 nd	November	Christ the King	20 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent 23 rd
	November	St. Columban	24 th December	Christmas Eve
29 th	November	First Sunday of Advent	25 th December	Christmas Day
30 th	November	St. Andrew	26 th December	St. Stephen, first martyr
3 rd	December	St. Francis Xavier	27 th December	The Holy Family
6 th	December	Second Sunday of Advent		

Year 1 - Mary, the Mother of God

The children will learn that God sent the Angel Gabriel with a message to Mary and learn why this is important. They will learn that God asked Mary to be the mother of his son and will have an opportunity to reflect on her response.



They will hear about Mary’s visit to her cousin, Elizabeth and reflect on the good news. They will begin to reflect on how we can prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and learn that Mary is our mother in heaven and that she is looking after us.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers.

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