

## St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

# Year & NEWSLETTER - November 2021

Homework

**Spelling:** Spelling Shed at least 4 times a week along with

spelling activity sheet. Test each Monday!

Maths: Times Tables Rockstars to be used regularly. CGP

Workbooks to be used at least weekly.

**Grammar:** Weekly homework set using CGP workbooks. **Reading:** Text along with SATs style questions sent

Text along with SATs style questions sent home using CGP books. Must be completed by Monday

morning to go through in class.

It is vital that children have homework in on time as we have allocated lesson time to go through these tasks so that the children can develop their understanding. They will receive a little each evening, however it won't require much more than 20 minutes focus. A little each evening will allow us to build it up over time and ensure all gaps are filled.

**Important Dairy Dates** 

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Autumn I Green Trip

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

Ye Class Mass

Carol Concert

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Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Dec School Closes for Christmas

Year 6 staff

**Teacher:** Miss Appleyard **Learning Support:** Miss Bey **SEND support –** Miss Brown

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. The first one seemed to go by so quickly: it was a busy half term for all. We have lots of fun and interesting learning planned for this half term and we look forward to helping the children progress even further than they have already. I am very pleased with how well the children have got back into the swings of school routines. They are showing great attitudes for learning and are producing some really good work as a result.

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you how important it is that your child arrives to school on time. The school day, for Year 6, starts at 8:45am (school door opens at 8:40am). The first lesson of the day (grammar) starts at 8:45am therefore we currently have a number of children missing the start of this lesson most days. It really does and will impact on their progress in both the short and long term. We have lots of catching up to do and we are trying our upmost to ensure they get there so please encourage them to be organised too. I am looking forward to meeting with you all this week at parent consultations. Please ensure you have signed up for a slot.

Miss Appleyard

**<u>RE</u>**: Justice. Understand injustices that are happening in the world around us and identify how we can work towards justice. Virtues to live by for Autumn II are hope and patience.

**English:** World War II theme: diary entries from children during the war; bravery speech awards; and writing historical narrative. We will also stretch our use of punctuation through use of colons and semi colons.

<u>Maths:</u> Division, multiplication and fractions which will include the conversion into decimals and percentages too.

<u>PSHE:</u> Celebrating differences <u>SRE:</u> Me, My Body & My Health <u>Science:</u> Famous Scientists. Each week we will study a famous scientist

<u>Geography:</u> Africa. We will set out on a fascinating journey as we discover the amazing continent of Africa and explore each of the five regions.

<u>DT:</u> African Instruments. We will explore the rich and energetic genre of African music and use it to inspire the investigation and creation of several different African instruments including the kalimba, djembe drum and the shekere.

PE: Outdoor games every Tuesday afternoon.

<u>Computing:</u> Build confidence and understanding with Google Classroom and how to present work in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint using various layouts and images.



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## **RE Newsletter 2**



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.

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

Amen

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.

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:

| 31 <sup>st</sup> | October  | All Saints'            | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Dec | St. Francis Xavier                |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | November | All Souls              | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Dec | Second Sunday of Advent           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | November | St. Winefride          | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Dec | St. Nicholas                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | November | St. Hilda of Whitby    | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Dec | Immaculate Conception of Mary     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | November | Christ the King        | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Dec | Third Sunday of Advent            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | November | St. Cecilia            | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Dec | Fourth Sunday of Advent           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | November | First Sunday of Advent | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Dec | Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | November | St. Andrew             | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Dec | The Holy Family                   |

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God* especially on Bible Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent); *Migrants and Refugees* especially on Migrant's Day (3 December); *Expectant Mothers* especially on 4th Sunday of Advent.

### Year 6 – Justice

"Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally" Religious Education Curriculum Directory

The children will learn that God called the prophets from the Old Testament and learn about the different ways they responded. They will learn that the prophets spoke out against injustice and that some prophets were persecuted because they spoke out.

They will learn that Christians are called to work for justice and find out about individuals who have been persecuted for speaking out against injustice.

The children will learn that Advent is a time of waiting and hoping for the birth of the Messiah at Christmas and understand that the birth of Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- thinking about how your family could support the work of CAFOD
- visit www.cafod.org.uk to learn more about CAFOD and its work in the developing world
- include an intention for people fighting injustice in your prayers with the children.