St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Year 5 NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2

Homework

Spellings: The children need to access Spelling Shed at home and do 10 activities a week online. They will also get a spelling activity sheet to do in their homework books each week. These homework books need to be returned every **Thursday**.

Maths: Times Tables – The children need to go on Times Tables Rockstars 3 times a week at home.

Reading: Please **read with your child 4 times a week** and if you could kindly leave your signature in their yellow reading book.

Important Diary Dates

4th Nov – Parent Consultations afternoon
10th Nov- Odd sock day- Anti-bullying week
17th Nov- Wear bright be seen day – Road safety week
1st Dec- Elf Day (dress as an elf!)
2nd Dec - Skate into Christmas ice skating
9th Dec- 10am Whole school mass / Melodica concert
10th Dec- Curriculum Exhibition
11th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day/Choir concert 9:30am
15th Dec- Party /Disco
16th Dec- 2pm Carol Service/Book and toy sale/KS2 Mass
19th Dec- Book Sale & Y5/6 Party

Year 5 staff

Teacher: Miss Wade

Teaching Support: Mrs Ali
Miss Diakaki

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term. We're preparing for Advent now, and we will be learning lots of new and fun things this half term including taking part in a variety of Christmas fun. If you would like to speak to me in person about anything concerning your child, please do come and find me at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, a face to face appointment can be arranged upon request. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am enjoying teaching your children this year and ensuring they reach their full potential.

Warmest wishes and may God bless you and your families
Miss Wade

RE: Covenants: In RE sessions the children will: Understand the meaning of covenant and reflect on reflect on God's covenant with Noah, know about the covenant God made with Abraham and reflect on Abraham's trust in God. They will understand that God guides and challenges his people and be aware of our need to grow in faith and trust in God, know that God made a covenant with Moses and be aware this covenant is also made with us, know that God sent prophets to remind His people of His covenant and reflect on the prophet's message for us.
English: 'Farther' Grahame Baker Smith: Setting narrative & letter writing.
Reading: Reading Breadth: Other Cultures and Traditions & Poetry – Wider Range. Book titles: Wonder, The Goldfish Boy, A World of Flavour, Knowledge Enclopedia: Space, A Poem for Every Night of the Year and We are Family.
Maths: Fractions, Multiplication and Division

PSHE: Celebrating difference: the children explore culture and cultural differences. They link this to racism, debating what it is and how to be aware of their own feelings towards people from different cultures. They revisit the topic of bullying and discuss rumour spreading and name calling.
Geography: We will be learning to locate the world countries, human and physical geography features and using our geographical skills and fieldwork to embed our learning.
Design Technology: Textiles: Moonlit Magic
PE: Inspire, Create, Perform. Perform dances using a range of movement patterns every Monday.
Science: Biology: The study of living things.
RSE: Me, My Body & My Health and Emotional Well Being

School Golden Rules

1. Be ready 2. Be safe 3. Be respectful

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Parents' Religious Education 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 journey 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 up to the end of this half term. We hope you find this newsletter informative and of interest.

The following table provides dates from the Catholic Church's calendar that mark or celebrate significant days or saints days during this half term.

3rd November	All Souls	3rd December	St Francis Xavier
9th November	Remembrance Sunday	6th December	St Nicholas
10th November	St Leo the Great	7th December	Second Sunday of Advent
11th November	St Martin of Tours	8th December	Immaculate Conception
17th November	St Hilda of Whitby	13th December	St Lucy
21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	14th December	Third Sunday of Advent
22nd November	St Cecilia	21st December	Fourth Sunday of Advent
23rd November	Christ the King	24th December	Christmas Eve
30th November	First Sunday of Advent	25th December	The Nativity of the Lord

The Church's cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas has the following themes: *Openness to the Word of God*; *Migrants and Refugees*; *Expectant Mothers*.

In the Early Years and Key Stage 1, religious education (RE) this half term will be taught using the new Catholic RE programme called '*Lighting the Path*' published by Oxford University Press and approved by the Diocese of Leeds. All Key Stage Two classes will follow *Lighting the Path* from September 2026. *Lighting the Path* uses a spiral curriculum which means that each year group follows the same broad theme, but the content differs depending on the age of pupils.

Year 5 – The Commandments/God's Covenants

The children will learn that God loves us and calls us into friendship with him. The children will understand that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God to help us.

They will learn how Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments (Matthew 22: 36-40) and begin to understand how we can show our love for God by keeping his commandments with his help.

The children will also learn that God sent his Son Jesus into the world because he loves us, and that we celebrate this gift at Christmas.

At home:
You could help your children by:
- talking to them about how we try to live by the Ten Commandments.