



English

The children continue to engage in daily phonics reading sessions. They build their knowledge of sounds and apply this to help them read unfamiliar words.

The children read a selection of short stories including: Owl Babies; Toys in Space; The Morning Rush; Six Dinner Sid; What the Ladybird Heard; and Martha Maps it Out.

Using these texts as stimulus, children are presented with various reading and writing opportunities such as: character and setting description; fact files; recount writing; and instructions. They continue to work on creating a sequence of simple sentences using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. The children begin to use adjectives, noun phrases, question marks

Maths



Composition of numbers 0-10

In this unit pupils will revisit how numbers are represented cardinally and ordinally. They partition 1 - 10 in different ways, find a missing part when one part and the whole are known and explore one more and one less with numbers to 10.

Recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes.

In this unit children compose, copy, extend and develop repeating and radiating patterns. They explore, discuss and compare 3D and 2D shapes.

Additive structures: addition

In this unit children combine 2 or more parts to make a whole. They learn addends can be represented in any order and that the = sign shows the whole and sum of the parts are equal.

Additive structures: addition and subtraction

In this unit children find missing addends in equations. They will partition a whole into 2 parts representing first, then, now stories with subtraction equations. They learn

Science

The children will investigate a wide variety of materials and sort them according to their properties. They investigate which material would suit a particular purpose e.g. Which material is soft? Which material feels rough?

Which would make the softest blanket? They group a variety of everyday materials and begin to predict if materials are natural or man-made.



Geography



This term, the children focus on Blackpool and why people choose to visit. They carry out some research on what they can expect to find there, and look at the key features and landmarks of Blackpool. They compare the Digimap images of Gorton and Blackpool. The children gather the information they have and create a Blackpool Visitor's Fact File using geographical terms and vocabulary.

History



Throughout the topic, children compare toys that they play with now, to toys in the past. They look at a wide range of artefacts to help them do this. They place a range of toys in chronological order on a basic timeline. There is an opportunity to link with their science unit, Materials, where pupils explore how the materials of toys have changed over time.

PE



Fundamentals

In games they focus on moving safely, throwing, catching and gathering. **Gymnastics** In gymnastics the explore different ways of moving and balancing.

RE



Galilee to Jerusalem

During this unit, children will develop a simple understanding of Christian beliefs related to how Jesus revealed his true, divine nature through his life and ministry. This branch is physically descriptive of Jesus' travels.

Desert to garden

The focus of this unit is to learn about the liturgical season of Lent, as the time when Christians prepare for Easter and to know the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his death, and resurrection. This branch ends with the women meeting the angel by the empty tomb.

Catholic Social Teaching

The children will be exploring what makes them happy and how we find happiness in each other.

Computing



Programming—Moving a Robot

In this unit, children are introduced to early programming concepts. They explore using individual commands, both with other children and as part of a computer program.

Data and information—Grouping Data

This unit introduces the children to data and information. They begin to use labels to put objects into groups based on the properties they choose, whilst beginning to answer questions about data.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

The children will begin to know how to set simple goals and how to achieve them. They will learn that tackling a challenge can stretch their learning by overcoming obstacles which may make it difficult to achieve their goals.

Healthy Me

During this unit, the children will know the difference between being healthy and unhealthy. They will learn ways to keep healthy and also stay safe through road safety.





Art

This unit gives children the opportunity to reflect and express their opinion on the work of the artist Mark Rothko. They hear about why an artist may have chosen that particular style. They begin to look at the common features of the paintings and experiment with the style using sketchbooks.

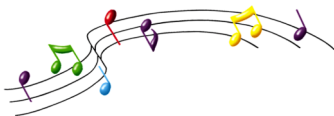


D&T

As part of our geography unit on Blackpool, the children choose their own circus character and design and make a fabric hand puppet. With support, they will be taught basic stitching techniques to join two pieces of material together. Once complete, they evaluate their work and decide how their puppet could be improved.

Music

This term, children learn a song called "The Prehistoric Animal Brigade". They will learn to control co-ordination, dynamics and rhythm skills, whilst developing active listening skills and distinguishing between different voices. The children then move on to the song "Pirates" by Lin Marsh. They learn to control pulse and rhythm skills to distinguish between different sounds and tempi.



How You Can Help

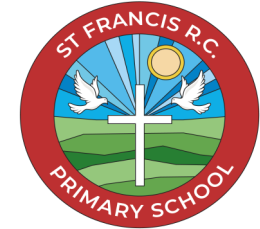
- Please ensure that your child reads for ten minutes **every night**.
- Please comment and sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read.
- Handwriting - practise forming letters correctly.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with your child.
- **PE kits** should be in school every day.
- Please ensure that your child brings the correct equipment to school each day including: **water bottle** **reading record** and **book bag**.
- If have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact **Miss Ross**.



Class Routines

- P.E is on Wednesday.
- P.E kit is to remain in school and sent home at the end of each half term.
- Homework is given out on Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.
- Please read with your child every day for 10 minutes.
- Book bags to be brought in every day.
- Water bottles to be brought into school

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What we are learning in Year 1



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