

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>RE</u></b></p> <p>This half term we will be learning about The Bible. In this topic the children will learn that the Bible tells us about God and his love for us. They will learn some Old Testament stories and be introduced to some important religious themes like trusting in God and prayer. They will be given the opportunity to develop their research skills by looking up Bible references.</p> <p>Next half term we will be learning about Trusting in God. In this topic the children will learn Jesus' teaching on the importance of trusting in him. They will explore the importance of trusting in God as well as the difficulties it brings through the stories of Zechariah, Mary and Joseph.</p>	<p><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <p>- Class worship- TBC - Class Mass in Church- TBC</p> <p>-PE- PE days will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the first half term and then Tuesdays and Thursdays in the second half term</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Science and ICT</u></b></p> <p>This half term in Science we will explore our digestive system finding out what happens to our food once we have swallowed it. We will be making our own giant digestive system and investigating the effect of different drinks on our teeth! Next half term we will be focusing on electricity. The children will look at how circuits work, the differences between mains and battery powered electricity, how to make a switch, which materials are conductors and which are insulators and they will have plenty of opportunities for investigations and experiments.</p> <p>In ICT the children will be able to manage data by producing bar charts and tally charts. They will begin to use sort, search and create graphs to interpret and question data.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Homework</u></b></p> <p>Weekly spelling will be checked and marked on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Children will be expected to practice their times tables each day.</p> <p>Children should be reading <u>at least</u> 4 times a week.</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What we are learning in Year 4 - Autumn Term</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Foundation Subjects</u></b></p> <p>In our first unit in Topic we will be taking on the ever-growing chocolate industry. Children will work in teams to create a new chocolate brand. They will have to make decisions about ingredients, pricing, production and design. Teams will then present their new chocolate brand to a panel of judges referring to the skills used. In the next half term the children will be carrying out a study of history on the local area.</p> <p>Throughout the year the children will continue playing the trumpets. They will be able to build on previous knowledge learnt and become even better. The children will also continue to build on the skills in Spanish.</p> <p>In PE the children will improve their skills in teamwork through netball. We will also be focusing on our fitness levels in circuits.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>In Maths this term we will focus (as always) on improving our calculation methods and our mental Maths.</p> <p>We will also be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number and Place value</li> <li>• Addition and subtraction</li> <li>• Rounding</li> <li>• Written methods</li> <li>• Multiplication and Division</li> <li>• Length and perimeter</li> </ul>	<p><b>Log onto our website where you will find lots of free resources in the Curriculum section:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk">www.stfrancis.bradford.sch.uk</a></p> <p><b>Please also check the school blogs:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.J2E.com">www.J2E.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>English</u></b></p> <p>In English we are looking at the book Tuesday. Children will predict parts of the story, look at features used and be able to create their own version of the story.</p> <p>Children will continue to improve their grammar throughout the unit. We will also continue with our weekly spellings and guided reading.</p> <p>After the half term we will be looking at stories based on historical settings. Our work will be based around various texts such as 'Oliver Twist' and 'A Christmas Carrol.' The children will be able to improve their written skills as well as learning more about a child living in the Victorian era. We will focus on our descriptive writing and continue to practice using a dictionary and thesaurus to improve our vocabulary.</p>