



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of week 5 of remote learning, we are all settling in to our new normal school day. Our focus across the curriculum this week has been 'Children's Mental Health Week 2021' and the work we have received has been amazing. It has been clear to see from reading the responses that the children are finding this lockdown more difficult than previous ones. Their work has given us an excellent insight into their feelings and fears and provided us with a platform to talk about these and how we deal with them. They were so genuine in their responses and talk freely about their emotions- you should be very proud of them; we most definitely are!

In Maths, we started fractions. Fractions are normally met with eye rolls and groans but we could not be more impressed with the work the children have completed. They have really used their prior knowledge of multiplication and division and applied this to their new learning. The children have also been set work in EPR which linked to our theme of the week, and in RE this week we looked at the role of the bishop and his mission in our diocese. The children were using the RE driver words to complete their activities and this included linking their thoughts and opinions to scripture-including the Old Testament.

In Mr Szymczyk's music lesson, the children were directed to bring a cup to the lesson and to quote one child, 'it was awesome!'. Mrs Harman's PE lesson, once again, provided the children the opportunity to get away from their screens and get their heart rates up. If you get the chance, try and join in!

Next week in English, our focus will be on the Year 5 skill set. These will include fronted adverbials and relative clauses. In Maths, we will continue our work on fractions, building on what we already know and looking at new skills for Year 5 so lots to look forward to! Our Reading lessons will be based on Cosmic, our class book, before moving to a new book in Spring 2 for our new topic, China.

We have had a very positive week in Year 5 but a quick reminder that it is easier if children have their camera on during the live lessons. It means we can see who is engaging and how the children are getting on. Also, it is just not very nice for us to look at a blank screen when teaching. Another reminder that next Friday is an INSET day and therefore no work will be set. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office to speak to your child's class teacher.

Please find a timetable for next week, our Star of the Week and Learner of the Week below.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Bujwid & Mr Johnson



Star of the Week

Live Lessons will run from 9:15 until approximately 12:00							
	9:00 – 9.15	1st lesson		2 <sup>nd</sup> session	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	Independent Afternoon Tasks	
<b>Monday</b>	Meeting link made visible	Collective worship Maths	Short Break	Music	English	Science	
<b>Tuesday</b>		Maths		Reading	English	Computing	
<b>Wed</b>		Maths		Reading	English	RE	
<b>Thursday</b>		Maths		Reading	English	PE	French
<b>Friday</b>		INSET		Inset		INSET	
						Lunch	

St. Philip Howard: Leah Kalucka

St. Newman: Poppy Page

Learner of the Week

St. Philip Howard: Ben Lloyd

St. Newman: Danas Martinkus