Welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to an interesting term one.

Religion

Our first unit this term is ‘Understanding Saint Francis’, where students will explore the history of Saint Francis and the Franciscan charism.

In the second half of the term we will explore Lent, Holy Week and Easter as a time of reflecting on and celebrating God’s great generosity. The students will explore the meaning of generosity in the Gospels and in the Lenten practices of prayer.

Unit of Inquiry – Who We Are

An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human

Central Idea: Responsible digital citizens create positive communities

Lines of Inquiry:

* The rights and responsibilities of owning a chromebook
* The expectations of digital behaviour within a range of online communities
* Ways to create an online presence

As a year group we will examine the codes of behaviour expected in various digital communities and the consequences associated with not adhering to these expectations. Finally, the students will look into the responsibilities that are associated with owning and caring for a chromebook.

Literacy

Reading – This term we will be focusing on ‘Reading with Understanding’.

Students will be exposed to different reading strategies such as skimming, visualising, connecting, predicting, inferring, monitoring, judging and scanning. We will also build the students vocabulary by using a word wall to support their understanding of unknown words.

Writing – This term, students will focus on writing exposition text, using the correct structure and language features. They will also need to include; emotive language, topic sentences to organise their main and subordinate ideas, select vocabulary that is specific and meets the needs of their intended audience and include evidence to support their opinion.

Students will need to reread, edit and revise their writing pieces using agreed criteria and explain their editing choices. They will be encouraged to investigate how complex sentences can be used in a variety of ways to elaborate, extend and explain ideas.
**Numeracy**

This term we will be focusing on the following concepts in numeracy...

Using a wide range of number strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems in meaningful real life contexts.

Place value and ordering of whole numbers and decimals.

Fractions: ordering fractions, addition and subtraction with like and unlike denominators.

We ask that you also encourage your children to practice learning their multiplication tables at home.

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**Some dates to diary**

- Parent information exchanges on 8/2/2016 and 11/2/2016 (3:30 – 6:30)
- Grade 5s hosting Mass on 12th February & 18th March
- Clean up school day on 4th March
- Labour Day – Monday 14th March
- Some reminders –
  - Please feel free to use email as a form of communication.
  - Daily reading must be done for 20 minutes and initialed by a parent.
  - PE uniform are to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays.
  - If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, please provide your child’s teacher with written permission. Phones will be collected in the morning and returned to children at the end of the day.

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If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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