

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 AUTUMN 1 2016

English

We will study *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl as part of the author's 100th birthday celebration. We will read an adventure story set in the historic town of Pompeii. Then we will write reports on the Roman invasion of Britain developing our computing skills.

History

We will learn about the Romans and how they changed life in Britain. We will develop our digital research skills. Our class trip will be to Ribchester Museum to find out what Roman artefacts and ruins can tell us about local life 1500 years ago.

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We will research how Romans used chariots before designing our own. We will investigate how to build a stable vehicle using an axle and wheels.

Science

We will find out about the properties of the three different states of matter: solid, liquid & gas; learn how to use thermometers; set up enquiries about matter changing from one state to another; investigate air as an example of a gas. We will develop computing skills when recording data.

Music

We will be developing our repertoire playing the recorder with Mrs Baker on Wednesdays.

French

We will be learning about animals.

RE & PSHE

We will be following the R.E. scheme called *Come and See*. Our first topic looks at the theme of 'Family' and we will find out who Jesus' family were going back several generations. We will also explore what special gifts God has given us for the world.

Home Learning

Children will bring home longer books which they should read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read.

Project based homework will be given focusing on the Romans. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in half a term. A learning log and folders will be given to collect work in progress.

Children will have a tables' test ('The Box') each Friday. They need to practise 3 times per week at home. A weekly list of spellings or a worksheet will also be sent home for learning.

Please ensure your child brings their homework diary and book bag every day.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Write and order numbers to 10,000
- Order a set of decimal numbers to 1 decimal place
- Find 0.1, 1, 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than a given number
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits and decimals using columnar addition written methods
- Read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks

PE

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

We will be developing skills in Athletics and Swimming on Thursdays from 15th September.

Please ensure all kit is in school and named. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed on PE days.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday Sept 13th - Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday Sept 13th - 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school
Friday Sept 16th - 2.30pm Mass in School Hall
Tuesday Sept 27th - Y4 Ribchester Trip
Wednesday Sept 28th - 9am - 10am Literacy Open morning
Friday October 7th - 8.30am onwards, Individual photos
Thursday Oct 13th - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 25th October - School closes at 3:30p.m.

Clubs:

Monday 12th Sept, Junior Choir starts
Wednesday 5th Oct, Band starts

Family Masses:

Saturday 8th October, 5.45pm