

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 AUTUMN 1 2016

## English

We will be focusing on Older Literature this half term using Shakespeare's *Macbeth* to explore the differences in relationships, customs and attitudes in comparison to the present day. We will then look at Recounts and examine their features and style before writing our own Recount linked to our topic of Anglo-Saxons. Roald Dahl day will be celebrated in school on 13<sup>th</sup> September. We will spend the day doing activities based around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

## History

Our topic this half-term is the Anglo Saxons and Scots. We will study how the Saxons came to Britain and how they formed settlements and influenced place names.

This half term's home learning project will be based on this topic.

## Art and DT

Textiles is our topic in both Art and DT this half term. We will be learning the art of felting to create an outfit that could be worn by a Saxon. We will also learn how to produce a natural dye for our wool using onion skins.

## Science

This half term our topic is Properties and Changes to Materials. We will explore and test the properties of materials and consider how materials change, thinking about whether these changes are reversible or irreversible.

## French

We will learn conventions for asking and answering questions and sentence building. We will also build on our vocabulary knowledge from Year 4 and practise using a bilingual dictionary to find the spelling and meaning of words.

## RE & PSHE

Family will be our main theme this half term. We will focus on 'ourselves' and how we are created in the image and likeness of God. We will also explore how each person is unique and irreplaceable and how everyone matters.

## Home Learning

Children should continue to read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read. Books must be returned each day as they may be used in Guided Reading sessions.

Children will have a Times Tables test ('The Box') each Friday. They need to complete a practice sheet at home and return this on a Wednesday. Sets of spellings will be sent home each half term. These need to be practised every week and children will be tested randomly on them every Friday.

*Please ensure your child brings their Home Learning Planner and book bag every day and that you sign their home learning diary weekly.*

## Maths

We will begin this half term by learning about place value, including decimals, and will reinforce our understanding of the number system. We will then move on to solving problems involving written addition and subtraction. We will finish off by looking at angles, perimeter and statistics.

It is very important that your child practises their Times Tables on a regular basis, as they are used daily in all areas of Mathematics.

## PE

**PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** The units this half term are Volleyball (indoor) and Basketball (outdoor).

*Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on PE and swimming days. For all PE lessons, except gymnastics, trainers are to be worn in order to provide more support for feet and ankles.*

## Diary Dates:

Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Roald Dahl Day  
Tuesday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school  
Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - 2.30pm Mass in School Hall  
Tuesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 10am Literacy Open mornings Y123  
Wednesday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 10am Literacy Open mornings Y456  
Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am onwards, Individual photos  
Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening

## Clubs:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Junior Choir starts  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Band starts  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - School closes at 3:30p.m.

## Family Masses:

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 5.45pm