

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2 2016

Theme:- Fire, Fire! Within this theme we will cover the following areas:

Literacy

Exploring stories on a dragon theme - Zog by Julia Donaldson, George and the Dragon and The Princess and the Dragon by Audrey Wood. These stories have repetitive phrases and patterns which we will be using to write our own stories.

We will also be reading a range of non-fiction books connected to the topic and developing our comprehension and understanding skills.

The children will also be writing some poetry nearer to Christmas. We will be learning to recite some simple poems and looking at language patterns and repetitions.

Maths

We will start the term by learning sequences and patterns, such as colour and number patterns. We will then start to learn fractions, and understand what a fraction is. We will end the term by learning about money, and be able to recognise and know the different denominations of coins and notes. Both topics of fractions and money will be put into practice in our role-play area, this term it will be a Baker's Shop such as the one on Pudding Lane where the Great Fire of London started.

Design Technology and Art

The children will be creating art works based on the topic, mainly of buildings from 1666. They will use a range of media (pastels, paints, pens, pencils). In our DT work we are looking at making a moving picture, linked to the great Fire of London topic.

History

Continuing the theme of the Great Fire of London, children will learn chronological events and be able to distinguish between the past and the present. Children will research London past and present, and what happened to London during the 'Great Fire'. We will learn why the fire spread so quickly, what the residents of London did, how they tried to put out the fire and how London was then rebuilt. We will complete the topic by finding out what lessons were learnt by the people of London and what was put into place to prevent it happening again.

Music

The children will be listening with concentration to a range of music, and experience the combined musical elements of pitch, tempo and dynamics. They will be listening to and appraising Hey You! By Joanna Mangona.

ICT

ICT is embedded into the continuous provision the children will access every afternoon. They will be using iPads to record evidence of their work, as well as using the iPads to conduct research for their topic work.

Religious Education

Domestic Church - Belonging. Exploring the idea of belonging to different groups and belonging to the Church family. The children will learn about the main components of Baptism and making a visit to church. We will then be learning about Advent and Christmas and of course practicing our school Nativity!

P.E.

PE lessons are indoor on a Monday and outdoor on a Friday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on these days which is clearly labelled. Children should not wear earrings on these days. The focus this half term will be gymnastics and circuit training.

Homework

Children in Year 1 are asked to read their book at home every day if possible, and bring it in and change it once they have read it 3 times. Children will bring spellings home each week linked to their work in phonics, to be tested on Fridays. Children will receive weekly homework on a Friday (stuck in their homework books) to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Thank you.

Diary Dates:

11 November - Non uniform Day - for chocolate
12 November - Family Mass 5.45pm
14 November - Anti bullying week
21 November - Creative week (History)
21 November - 2.15pm WS Mass (130th anniversary)
24 November - Open Afternoon including
prospective parents
25 November - Year of Mercy Mass
28 November - 6.30pm Joint Advent service with
other Rishton schools
2 December - 2.30pm - Mass and Awards in Church
3 December - 11 - 1pm Christmas Fair with
Carols/songs
3 December 4.00pm Rishton Lights switch on
10 December - Family Mass 5.45pm
12 December 10.00am - Infant Production - for
school
13 December - 10am Pantomime
14 December - Christmas Lunch
15 December 2pm and 6.30pm - Infant Production
for parents
16 December 9.15am - Whole School Mass
19 December - PTFA Discos: 6pm (Infants) 7.15pm
(Juniors)
20 December 2pm - Carol Service in school
21 December - Class parties and Christmas Jumper
Day. School Closes. Children may be collected at
2pm.