

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 AUTUMN 2 2016

English

We will be looking at Stories from Other Cultures comparing creation myths from Ancient Egypt and the Yoruba tribe in West Africa. We will be learning how to write explanation texts on the building of the pyramids. In Spelling, we will be learning words with the prefixes 'in-', 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-'; words with the 'ei' sound spelt 'ei', 'eigh' or 'ey' and adding suffixes '-ing', '-er', '-en' and 'ed' to words of more than one syllable.

History

We will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt ranging from the beliefs in an after-life to the importance of the River Nile for Pyramid building. We will be developing computing skills by using different research websites.

Art

We will linking up with our History topic and learning how to make a canopic jar in pottery.

Science

We will learn about Electricity including how to build our own circuits and to then draw these using symbols. We will learn the importance of using it safely.

Music

We will continue learning Recorder each Wednesday working towards the Carol Concert.

P.E.

We will be improving our skills and agility in gymnastics on Mondays and continue to swim on Thursdays.

RE & PSHE

We will be learning about the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation linking this with the theme of belonging. Then as Advent begins, we will look at God's gift of love and friendship through the birth of Jesus. In PSHE we will be learning about reaching out to our community and taking part in anti-bullying week (14 November).

Homework

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. Books must be returned each day as they may be used in Guided Reading sessions.

Project based homework will be given focusing on the term topic, Ancient Egypt. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in half a term. Purple Home Learning Books need to show 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:

- Read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks
- Solve time problems e.g. converting hours to minutes, minutes to seconds
- Solve mental division and written multiplication questions
- Measure length including perimeter
- Understand how to read and analyse statistics

French

We will be learning adjectives to write sentences.

Diary Dates:

Sunday 12th November, 5.45pm Family Mass
Monday 21st November, 2pm Schools 130th Anniversary Mass
Thursday 24th November, 2pm 130th Anniversary Celebration and Open Afternoon
Tuesday 28th November, 6.30pm Joint Advent Service at St Peter's and St Paul's Church
Friday 2nd December, 2.30pm Mass & Awards in Church
Saturday 3rd December, 11-1pm Christmas Fair, 4pm Rishton Lights switch on
Saturday 10th December, 5.45pm, Family Mass
Monday 13th December, 10am Pantomime (Sinbad) at Thwaites Theatre, Blackburn
Tuesday 14th December, Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th December, 2pm & 6.30pm KS1 Nativity
Friday 16th December, 9.15am End of Term Mass
Monday 19th December, 7.15pm Juniors' Disco
Tuesday 20th December, 2.00pm Carol Service
Friday 21st December, Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day, 1.30pm Awards Ceremony with End of Term at 2pm (optional) or 3.30pm