

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2 2016

English

The focus for the beginning of this half term will be Traditional Stories, Fables, Myths and Legends. We will gather examples of each of these text types and examine their similarities and differences before writing our own. We will then move on to Stories from other Cultures, linking to our topic this half term - The World Around Us.

Geography

Our topic this half-term is The World Around Us. We will build on our general knowledge of the world and carry out case studies of different parts of the world. We will also work on our map skills with an emphasis on grid references.

Art

Art is our main subject this half term and painting will be our focus. We will examine landscapes around the world using a range of sources, e.g. observational drawings, poetry and music. We will also learn how to mix and match colour to create atmosphere and light effects.

Computing

This half term we will be examining databases, looking at how information is stored on computers and how it can be used. We will also look at searching online - how to do it effectively, safely and what to look out for.

Science

This half term our topic is Earth and Space. We will look at the relationship between the earth, the sun and the moon and how this affects our daily lives. We will also investigate the planets and the solar system.

RE & PSHE

We will begin the half term by looking at Marriage as a calling. We will examine the choices that we make in life. We will then explore the feeling of hope that surrounds Christmas and the revelation of God's love for us through Jesus.

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 Thursday or Friday. They need to practise 3 times per week at home. Sets of spellings will be sent home regularly. These need to be practised every week and children will be tested randomly on them every Friday.
Please ensure your child brings their homework planner and book bag every day.

Maths

We will begin this half term by learning how to multiply and divide mentally. We will then look in more depth at division, before turning our attention to fractions. We will then apply our multiplication skills to problems involving measures, focussing on area. We will finish off by looking at statistics and time. 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.

French

This half term children will learn how to ask and answer questions. We will also learn a range of authentic French songs to help to develop our vocabulary.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term. We will be focussing on Circuit Training and Gymnastics. *Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on PE and swimming days.*

Diary Dates:

11 November - Non uniform Day - for chocolate
14 November - Anti bullying week
21 November - Creative week (History)
21 November - 2.15pm Whole School Mass (130th anniversary)
24 November - Open Afternoon including prospective parents
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 - 4pm Rishton Lights switch on
13 December - 10am Pantomime at Thwaites Theatre
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.

St Charles' Church Family Masses:

12 November - Family Mass 5.45pm
10 December - Family Mass 5.45pm