

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 AUTUMN 1 2017

English

We will study *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. We will write an explanation text on pyramids and will be looking at stories from other cultures comparing creation myths from ancient Egypt and the Yoruba tribe in West Africa. In spelling, we will be revising our different learning techniques with the statutory spelling list, plus words with letter strings 'sure' or 'ea' and more homophones.

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 research skills by using different websites.

DT

We will research how the ancient Egyptians 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.

French

We will be learning more adjectives (colours) to build sentences through rhymes, songs and games.

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 ancient Egyptians. 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 to be completed by Wednesday.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag in every day, thank you.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Count in 25s, 100s and 1000s
- Explore place value
- Compare, order numbers and make patterns
- Count in 6,7 and 9s
- Round numbers to an estimate
- Add and subtraction within 10 000 using mental strategies
- Multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9 11 and 12
- Solve word problems

PE

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

We will be developing skills in gymnastics and rounders. *Please ensure all kit is in school and named. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed on PE days.*

Music

We will learn about different dimensions in music focusing on Abba's song *Mamma Mia*.

Diary Dates:

Friday Sept 8th - 2.15pm Mass in School Hall
Wednesday Sept 13th - Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday Sept 19th - PTFA AGM
Wednesday 20th September - Y4 Class Mass 9.45am Church
Friday Sept 22nd - Donations for Food Bank to be collected
Wednesday October 4th 4-7.30pm Parents' Evening
Friday October 6th - 8.30am onwards, individual photos
Friday 20th October - School closes at 3:30pm

Clubs:

Choir - Wednesday, lunchtimes
Eco Club - Thursday 14th September 3.30-4.45pm