

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - RECEPTION AUTUMN 2 2017

Maths

In our post office role play area, children will be able to explore money and weight and use this within the context. We will continue to include counting and number recognition as an integral part of our curriculum as well as introducing new vocabulary linked to addition and subtraction. Focused mathematics sessions will explore pattern and 2D/3D shape where children will begin to name and describe their properties.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning about what makes a good friend and discuss how to share and resolve problems in a kind way during our circle time. We will also share and discuss our own experiences of different celebrations and traditions. We will continue to reinforce class expectations and promote conflict resolution. Turn taking games will be incorporated into continuous provision and will support children in making positive choices.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our art activities will reflect our celebrations where we will use different textures and materials to create bonfire night and firework collages and Christmas Cards. Children will learn new songs and dances for our Christmas production. They will also have the opportunity to re-create their own experiences and develop narratives in our role play post office and Santa's workshop.

Understanding of the World

Children will have the opportunity to learn about Bonfire Night and Christmas through a range of enhanced activities. We will talk about different traditions and make firework pictures using the iPad. We will also be comparing our own environment to that of an arctic animal environment.

Physical Development

PE lessons will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. In our PE lessons this term, we will focus on gymnastics skills inside and throwing and catching skills outside. PE kits are to be clearly labelled and left in school until Christmas. Earrings must not be worn in lessons. Outside, obstacle courses and chasing games will support children's gross motor development and negotiation of space.

Celebrations & Traditions!

Literacy

In Literacy we will read 'Room on the Broom' and other Winter and Christmas related stories. We will have fun retelling these stories whilst exploring story structure. We will then look at poetry linked to fireworks and Christmas. Children will participate in name writing activities each morning, in addition to focused writing activities where they will write a letter to Santa, Christmas cards, Christmas lists and labels for Christmas presents. We will also continue our work on Phase 2 phonics before moving onto our new Phase 3 sounds.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop children's listening and attention skills by sharing stories on a daily basis and modelling good listening skills. Children can develop their speaking skills and learn new vocabulary through talk and work that is related to our topics and celebrations. Children will be able to share and discuss their past and future plans for home celebrations such as bonfire night parties and Christmas. We will share lots of festive stories and learn lots of songs and rhymes linked to Christmas. We will play co-operatively in our role play area to act out narratives and have fun being involved in group work tasks that will help us develop our team work and listening skills.

Religious Education

In Religious Education this term we will be learning about the Christmas Story and God's family. We will have our own Nativity scene where the children can retell the story.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 9th November - PTFA Meeting at 6:30pm
Thursday 23rd November - Open Afternoon (including prospective parents)
Friday 24th November - Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate
Monday 27th November - Advent Service at 6:30pm
Friday 1st December - Mass & Awards in church at 2:15pm
Thursday 7th December - 10am Pantomime
Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December - Infant Production at 2pm and 6:30pm
Tuesday 19th December - 2pm - Carol Service in school
Wednesday 20th December - 4:30pm - School Band play at Morrison's, Blackburn
Thursday 21st December - 9:15am - Whole School Mass
Friday 22nd December - Class parties & Christmas Jumper Day. School Closes. Children may be collected at 2pm.
Thursday 4th January 2018 - School re-opens

Homework

Any homework tasks will be detailed in the weekly Reception newsletter. These will usually involve things to do at home, a phonics and/or Maths task. Reading books will be sent out each week and changed accordingly. Please read the book at least twice before changing. Children also have their home journal where they can write and/or draw about anything interesting they have done at the weekend and we can talk about this at sharing time. Alternatively, why not send us a photo on Class Dojo so we can see what fun you have been having. This gives your child the opportunity to talk about their weekend/ home life with their peers.