

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2 2017

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

Literacy

We will be exploring stories about Dragons, identifying events and characters leading to writing our own story. We will also be reading a range of Non-fiction texts relating The Great Fire of London before creating our own information book. Nearer Christmas we will read and write a range of poetry. We will also focus on our cursive approach to handwriting.

Religious Education

We will be learning about Baptism. We will focus on how we belong to different groups and the invitation we receive to belong to God's family through Baptism. Leading up to Christmas we will focus on Advent and, in particular, the 'waiting' for Jesus.

Homework

Children in Year 1 are asked to read their book at home every day, and bring it in and change it once they have read it 3 times. Children will also be bringing spellings home each week linked to their work in phonics. These are to be practised throughout the week and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Children will have a homework book which will be brought home on a Friday, the homework will be stuck in the book and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

History

The focus of our learning in History is 'The Great Fire of London'. Children will look at events, people and changes around the time of the Fire, and be able to tell the difference between past and present in their own and other people's lives by using and making simple comparisons to parts of stories, and features of events. Children will learn where London is and what it looks like now and what it looked like in the past. Children will find out what happened to London during the Great Fire and why the fire spread so quickly.

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

Music

As well as learning the songs for the Christmas Production, children will also be learning about Reggae and Hip Hop music, learning songs and comparing the two genres.

Maths

Children will continue to learn from the 'Maths No Problem!' scheme, and will firstly learn to subtract from 10 using a range of methods. Children will then move on to gain an understanding of positional language, as well as directional language for left and right. We will then look at numbers up to 20, focusing in particular on numbers between 10 and 20. Children will be able to count and write to 20, compare and order numbers and see patterns within 20.

P.E.

PE lessons are indoor on a Monday and outdoor on a Wednesday. 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 (moving and rolling), and throwing and catching.

Design & Technology

We will be exploring mechanisms in our Design work - investigating how things move and different ways of joining materials to make them move. We will then make our own moving mechanism.