

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 AUTUMN 2 2017

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 newspaper reports and winter poems. 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 with more than one syllable.

Geography

We will be developing our map reading skills.

Art

We will be linking up with our History topic from last term and learning how to make a canopic jar in clay.

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 be learning how to play the glockenspiel and working towards our performances at the Schools' Advent Service and Carol Concert.

P.E.

We will be learning how to play tag rugby on Tuesdays and learning a dance routine linked to our Science topic on Wednesdays. Strong trainers for outdoor lessons and pumps for indoor lessons if possible please.

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 (13 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.

Project based homework will continue on our topic in Art, Ancient Egypt. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in half a term. Orange 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 or complete a worksheet on a particular table. A weekly list of spellings or a worksheet will also be sent home for learning to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag every day.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Multiply and divide by 6,7,9,11 and 12
- Divide with a remainder
- Solve word problems
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers

French

We will continue to learn the names for various animals and we will also learn the names of the months of the year.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 9th November, 6.30pm PTFA Meeting
Sunday 11th November, 5.45pm Sacramental Programme
Mass at St Charles' Church
Thursday 23rd November, Open Afternoon (including prospective parents)
Friday 24th November, Non-Uniform Day for chocolate;
Parish Quiz Night in the Hall
Monday 27th November, 6.30pm Joint Advent Service for Rishton Schools at St Peter and St Paul's Church
Wednesday 29th November, Y4 Mass in Church - all welcome
Friday 1st December, 2.15pm Mass & Awards in Church
Thursday 7th December 10am, Pantomime at Thwaites Theatre, Blackburn
Sunday 10th December, 10am, Sacramental Programme Mass
Wednesday 13th December, Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December, 2pm & 6.30pm KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December, 2.00pm Carol Service
Wednesday 20th December, Band at Morrison's Blackburn
Thursday 21st December, 9.15am End of Term Mass
Friday 22nd December, Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day, 1.30pm Awards Ceremony with End of Term at 2pm (optional) or 3.30pm
Thursday 4th January School re-opens