

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 AUTUMN 2 2017

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. This will be done on Purple Mash so we can access it at home as well. We will also look at searching online - how to do it effectively, safely and what to look out for.

Science

This half term we will continue our study of properties of materials and carry out some more investigations to learn more about reversible and irreversible changes, how we can separate mixtures through sieving, filtration and evaporation before finally looking at why objects are made out of particular materials.

RE & PSHE

We will begin the half term by looking at how Marriage is 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 your child 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. Work will be sent home to help the children. Your child should have a copy of the High Frequency Words to practice. These need to be practised regularly as the children will be tested randomly on them.

Topic work will also be sent home to be completed.

Maths

We will finish off our unit on addition and subtraction before turning to multiplication and division. We will revise our strategies for using these methods whilst also learning about factors, prime numbers and square and cube numbers. Finally, we will apply the skills we have learnt this term to a range of worded problems. It is important that your child practises their Times Tables on a regular basis.

French

This half-term we will continue to expand our French Vocabulary by learning the names of animals, rooms in the home and numbers up to sixty.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half term. We will be focussing on Rugby and Gymnastics. *Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on these days.*

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
Wednesday 6th December - 9:30am Class Mass
Thursday 7th December - 10am Pantomime
Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December- Infant Production at 2pm and 6:30pm
Friday 17th December - Class Learning Assembly
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