

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 6 AUTUMN 2 2017

English

For the first half of the term, our English lessons will be based on the thought provoking book, *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. We will get into the role of different characters to write diary entries from different perspectives, before using the themes in the book to produce a discussion text. We will then explore Arthurian Legends, culminating in producing our own version. In our final week before Christmas, we will be reading and writing Free Verse Poetry.

Maths

This half-term we will be applying our knowledge of the four operations to solving word problems. We will use bar modelling to help us visualise word problems and then turn our attention to fractions (simplifying, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing). We will apply our skills to real-life situations in order to give meaning to the maths. We will end the half term by consolidating everything we have done so far.

Science

This half term we will learn about Evolution and Inheritance. We will become evolutionary detectives as we explore adaptation and survival, discover evolutionary pioneers and examine what fossils tell us about our evolutionary history.

Religious Education

We will explore the word 'commitment' and apply it to different aspects of our lives. We will move on to look at the vocation of the priesthood and religious life. Finally, we will explore why some people are dedicated to the service of others.

Geography

We will learn about plate tectonics and the effect they have on volcanoes. We will then learn about how volcanoes erupt before researching a famous volcanic eruption.

Art

We will work with Mrs Hurst to create our own 3D clay model of a volcano. We will then explore the best techniques for covering our creations.

Year 6 Homework

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will ever learn. They have Guided Reading sessions on a daily basis and are encouraged to change their home reading book on a regular basis. Please spend time listening to your child read and ask them questions about their book.

Our Topic Based Home Learning Project this half term is on Volcanoes. Children in Year 6 have to achieve a minimum of 25 points. Progress towards all the tasks should take place at home. If you need any support from school, please let me know. Finished project work should be brought into school by Friday 15th December 2017.

Children will continue to receive English and Maths homework on Fridays, to be returned the following Wednesday. This will always be linked to work covered in class and will help to reinforce taught skills.

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 - Y6 Class Mass (9.30am in church)
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

P.E.

PE will be on Mondays and Wednesdays this half term. Our topic on Mondays is Team Games and on Wednesdays we will be doing Gymnastics.

Please make sure P.E. kit is clearly labelled and stays in school until Christmas. Please also ensure that earrings are removed on PE days and hair is tied back. It is recommended that trainers are worn on Mondays for Team Games, as they provide more support for children when outdoors.