

# St Charles Curriculum Information - Year 5 SPRING 1 2017

## English

We will begin the term with a short unit on Film Narrative. We will watch the short animation 'Zahra' and think about how the character is portrayed. We will then explore the skills needed for instruction writing and will apply these to a range of tasks. Towards the end of the term we will read The Highwayman and explore the language of this classic poem.

## RE & PSHE

Our first topic this half term is Mission. We will study people who have had a mission in their life and learn a song. In PSHE, we will learn about solidarity and how Christians can face challenges. We will end the half term learning about sacrifice.

## Maths

We will begin by revisiting place value, with particular focus on negative numbers and roman numerals. We will then move on to solving problems involving addition and subtraction, before recapping methods of mental and written multiplication. Our next focus will be measures: length, mass and capacity. We will finish off with geometry, investigating reflection, translation and angles. It is very important that your child practises their Times Tables on a regular basis.

## Geography

Geography is our main subject this half term. Our topic is the Mayans - a tribe who lived 4000 years ago! We will study the human and physical features of the Mayans' homeland and make links to the map work we did last half term.

## Home Learning

Children should continue to read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help 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.

## French

This half term reading in French will be our main focus, with children using a range of written resources to develop their vocabulary.

## PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our topics this half term are Tag Rugby and Dance.

*Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on PE days.*

## History

We will be investigating the history of the Mayans, asking how their civilisation began, how it spread, what life was like for the early Mayans and what their settlements were like.

Children will have a Times Tables test ('The Box') each Friday and need to return their practice sheet every Wednesday. Sets of spellings will be sent home regularly. These need to be practised every day and children will be tested randomly on them every Friday.

*Please ensure your child brings their homework planner every day.*

## Diary Dates

Monday January 16th - outdoor area improvement work starts  
Tuesday January 17th 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school  
Saturday January 21st - International Food evening  
Friday 10th February - School closes at 3:30p.m and reopens on February 20th

## Clubs

Monday 9th January - Junior Choir starts again  
Wednesday 11th January - Band starts again

## Art

Our artwork this half term will be linked to our Mayans topic. We will be focussing on printing and will create our own printing blocks. We will also learn the following techniques and experiment with them: relief, impression and overlays.

## Science

This half term our topic is Living things and their habitats. We will investigate mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and examine the similarities and differences between flowering and non-flowering plants.

## Family Masses

Saturday 14th January, 5.45pm