

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 1 SPRING 1 2017

Theme:- Growth and Green Fingers. Within this theme we will cover the following areas:

Literacy

In English we will be reading and writing instructions, listening to, reciting and writing poems and also writing garden themed stories based on ones we will read eg The Enormous Turnip, The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Oliver's Vegetables. We will be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation.

Religious Education

Our theme is the local church and community. The experience of Church community, gathering together on Sundays and for special times. Also the Sacraments – the more formal times of gathering. The children will explore questions around what makes people special – people in our families and our Parish family.

Homework

Children in Year 1 are asked to read their book at home every day if possible, 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.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be finished and handed in by the following Wednesday.

Many thanks for your support.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to learn number and place value, 2-D and 3-D shapes and counting with money. We will also start to look at multiplication and division by doubling and halving.

Diary Dates:

Monday January 16th - outdoor area improvement work starts

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

Family Masses:

Saturday 14th January, 5.45pm

D.T.

We will be exploring existing products and investigating how they have been made, and deciding whether these products achieve their purpose. We will be developing our vocabulary using taste, smell, texture and feel. We will be explaining where food comes from and what we can do with the produce.

Science:

Following the theme of green fingers, we will be doing some planting at Piggy Park. We will also be learning about how plants grow, and will be planting broad beans and recording their development over the half term.

We will be carrying out practical observations, looking for patterns and observing and comparing vegetables.

P.E.

PE lessons are outdoor on a Monday and indoor on a Friday. 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 dance and throwing/catching and passing/moving.

Art

We will be exploring the work of artists, particularly William Morris, the Victorian designer. We will make observational drawings and then develop these into prints.