

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 SPRING 2 2017

English

Our English work throughout this half term will be based on the poem, *The Highwayman*. We will explore the language of this classic poem in light of its historical context. We will also use this poem as a basis for developing our writing skills in persuasion. Then, moving on to our Choral Performance unit, we will try to learn the poem off by heart and perform it for the school.

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about rivers. We will examine the features of rivers, look at case studies of local rivers and research some of the most famous rivers in the world. We will also act out what it is like to be a water droplet on the inside and outside bend of the river and try to understand why this is.

DT

Structures and bridges is our topic this half term. We will examine some famous bridges, linking to our topic of rivers, and look at the different ways bridges are built. We will experiment making our own bridges with newspaper and investigate how best to strengthen them. When we have an understanding of structure, we will use different materials to create our own bridges. Will they stand up to the test?

Science

This half term we will be continuing with the second half of our unit on properties and changes to materials. We will be focussing this half term on transparency and conductors and will be carrying out experiments to test these properties.

RE & PSHE

RE is our main subject this half term, with the build up to Easter being at the forefront of our RE lessons. We will think about Lent as a time of sacrifice and understand how the Eucharist is the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

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.

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 each half term. 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.***

Maths

We will begin by refining our skills in mental and written division. Children will learn strategies for calculating quickly. We will then move on to working with 2D and 3D shapes, thinking about their properties and ways of sorting them. Fractions will be our next unit and we will learn how to calculate with fractions. Building on our work with shape, we will then work on area and volume before ending the term looking at statistics.

It is very important that your child practises their Times Tables on a regular basis.

French

This half term we will be examining verbs in French and making comparisons with English. We will also revisit food and construct sentences giving our opinion.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Our topics this half term are Gymnastics (routines and vault) and Netball/Rugby.

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

Diary Dates

February 27th - Book Week starts
February 28th - (Shrove Tuesday) No Pens Day in houses
March 1st - Ash Wednesday - Mass 9.15am
March 2nd - World Book Day - dress as a book character
Y5 visiting Rishton Library (morning)
March 5th - 10am Bishop John saying Mass in Church
March 6th - 3.45pm PTFA meeting in school
March 7th - 6pm Sacramental programme Meeting
March 9th - 6.30pm Governors' meeting
March 11th - Family Mass 5.45pm
March 14th - 6pm E Safety Committee meeting
March 17th - RE Inspection Day
March 20th - 6pm - Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall
March 22nd - Parents' Evening
March 24th - 2pm End of Term (optional early finish)