

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 SUMMER 1 2017

## English

This half term our main focus will be novels and significant authors. We will be exploring the works of Michael Morpurgo and examine the similarities and differences between his novels. We will then move on to instruction writing, making links to our Food Technology work on healthy eating. Poetry will be our next focus, where we will compare poems from two contrasting poets and attempt to develop our own poetic style.

## Computing

This half term we will be learning how to use iMovie - a video editing software application. Children will learn how to take photos and videos, edit them, add titles, themes, music and special effects.

## DT

DT is our main topic this half term and our focus will be Food. This will link to our class topic - Healthy Living. We will cover the following areas: preparation of ingredients, equipment, cooking techniques, storing food hygienically and healthy eating. We will use these skills to prepare some healthy and delicious treats!

## History

This half term we will carry out a local area study linked to the Victorians. We will investigate some Victorian objects and find out what Rishton was like during the Victorian era

## Science

Forces is our unit this half term. We will cover a range of topics, including gravity, friction, opposing forces, air resistance and water resistance.

## RE & PSHE

Transformation is our first RE topic this half term. We will examine how people can be transformed and focus on some key figures from the Bible who experienced transformation. We will then move onto the topic of Freedom and Responsibility and ask what we can do to serve God as citizens of His earth.

## Home Learning

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

Project Homework this half term will be on 'Healthy Living'.

Homework will be given out on Fridays and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. This will usually link to work we have been covering throughout the week.

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 place value skills, building on work we have been doing since the start of the year. Fractions will be our next topic, before we revisit the work we have done on time and statistics. We will then spend a week on geometry. Towards the end of the half term we will refine our skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

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

## French

This half term we will be focussing on our speaking and listening skills, using a range of authentic songs and rhymes to help us become immersed in the French language.

## PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays we will be doing Multisports and on Wednesdays we will be doing Hockey.

*Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on PE days. Please could you also ensure your child has a pair of socks and trainers in school on PE days. Thank you.*

## Diary Dates

April 10th - 2.15 School Mass  
April 11th - 6pm Sacramental programme Meeting  
April 12th - 2pm and 6.30pm - Y3 & 4 Production of 'Daniel'  
April 13th - Egg raffle drawn. School closes 3.30pm  
April 18th - School opens 8.55am - clubs restart  
April 27th - 6.30pm - PTFA Games Night  
May 1st - May Day, school closed  
May 8th - Y6 SATs week  
May 9th - 6pm Sacramental programme Meeting  
May 13th - 5.45pm Family Mass  
May 23rd - Class Photos  
May 26th School Closes 3.30pm and reopens Monday June 5th 8.55am