

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - RECEPTION SUMMER 1 2017

The Farm

Maths

This term the children will use the topic of the farm to develop counting and estimating skills through a range of practical activities. The children will also learn about odd and even numbers and continue to practise counting in 1s, 2s, and 10s. We will develop the understanding of addition and subtraction Numicon. We will look at different ways of writing addition and subtraction number sentences down using both standard and children's own methods.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be reflecting upon our own learning this term, thinking about our individual strengths and weaknesses and how these may differ from other people's. We will also be looking at making choices with the lifestyle we lead. We will be using our senses when describing fruits and vegetables and talking about our likes and dislikes.

Expressive Arts and Design

During this half term the children will again have lots of opportunities to use their imagination and creativity. They will use various materials such as clay and pebbles, junk materials, beans, seeds, play-dough and many other things. They will continue to practise and develop their fine motor skills through cutting, sticking, drawing, using small tools and malleable materials in a range of activities related to our topics e.g. making animals modelling etc. We will also learn a range of class songs and rhymes related to the topic.

Understanding of the World

This term we will be making observations of animals and plants and explain why things occur, and talk about changes. We will look after our garden and plant news seeds. We will learn about different fruits and vegetables and where they come from. We will also be looking at the life cycles, in particular, we will be focussing on chicks and frogs.

Physical Development

P.E. lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. In our PE this term we will learning to play dodgeball. We will also be playing and learning about many Olympic sports in our mini Olympic sessions. Children should not wear earrings on these days. PE kits are to be clearly labelled and left in school.

Literacy

The children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills. They will be encouraged to recognise the Reception/Yr1 high frequency words at sight in their reading and begin to use those words in their writing. We will be writing lists, captions, labels and making little books and posters.

We will also be working on Non-fiction texts with the children, giving them the skills to use a contents and an index page, and looking at how to use these to find out information about plants, animals, life cycles and other topics based on their interests.

Communication and Language

In speaking and listening activities, we will focus on developing good listening skills and the use of 'talk partners', We will continue with 'Show & Tell' journal sessions, where children will have the opportunity to speak in a familiar group, giving information and answering questions about something that is of particular interest to them or what they have been doing at the weekend.

Religious Education

In Religious Education will be learning about Pentecost . We will also be learning about some of the miracles Jesus performed and will explore the concept of 'Happiness' and other feelings.

Diary Dates:

April 13th – Egg raffle drawn. School closes 3.30pm
April 18th – School opens 8.55am Clubs restart
April 27th – 6.30pm - PTFA Games Night
April 28th – 2pm School Council
May 1st – May Day, school closed
May 8th – Y6 SATs week
May 9th – 6pm Sacramental programme Meeting
May 11th – 6.30 – Governors' Meeting
May 13th – 5.45pm Family Mass
May 23rd – Class Photos
May 26th School Closes 3.30pm and reopens Monday June 5th 8.55am

Homework

Any homework tasks will be detailed in the weekly Reception newsletter. These will usually involve things to do at home, a phonics and/or Maths task.

Children also have their home journal where they can write and/or draw about anything interesting they have done at the weekend and we can talk about this at sharing time. Alternatively, why not send us a photo on Class Dojo so we can see what fun you have been having.

We will also be starting our 'Family Friendly Friday' sessions on Friday mornings. More details to follow shortly.