

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 AUTUMN 1 2018

## English

We will study *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. We will learn how to write a newspaper report and look at different forms of poetry. In spelling, we will be revising our variety of learning techniques with the statutory spelling list, plus words with letter strings 'sure' or 'ea' and more homophones.

## History

We will learn about the Romans and how they changed life in Britain. Our class trip will be to Ribchester Museum to find out what Roman artefacts and ruins can tell us about local life 1500 years ago.

## DT

We will research how Romans used chariots before designing our own. We will investigate how to build a stable vehicle using an axle and wheels.

## Science

We will find out about the properties of the three different states of matter: solid, liquid & gas; learn how to use thermometers; set up enquiries about matter changing from one state to another.

## Computing

We will learn how to input computer code and to 'debug' a programme.

## French

We will be learning more adjectives (colours) to build sentences through rhymes, songs and games.

## RE & PSHE

We will be following the R.E. scheme called *Come and See*. Our first topic looks at the theme of 'Family' and we will find out who Jesus' family were going back several generations. We will also explore what special gifts God has given us for the world.

## Home Learning

Children will bring home longer books which they should read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read.

Project based homework will be given focusing on the Romans. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in half a term. A learning log and folders will be given to collect work in progress.

Children will have a tables' test ('The Box') each Friday. They need to practise 3 times per week at home. A weekly list of spellings or a worksheet will also be sent home for learning to be completed by Wednesday.

***Please ensure your child brings their book bag in every day, thank you.***

## Maths

We will be learning to:

- Count in 25s, 100s and 1000s
- Explore place value
- Compare, order numbers and make patterns
- Count in 6,7 and 9s
- Round numbers to an estimate
- Add and subtraction within 10 000
- Multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9 11 and 12
- Solve word problems

## PE

**PE will be on Tuesdays** with Mr Slater where we will learn how to play rugby. We will also be improving our fitness levels everyday with running and multi-skills games.

*Please ensure all kit is named clearly and in school for the whole half-term. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed on PE days. Trainers are preferred for running, if possible.*

## Music

We will be learning about rhythm and the value of different notes.

## Diary Dates:

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Roald Dahl Day

Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - PTFA AGM

Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Y4 Assembly & Donations for Food Bank to be collected

Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Trip to the Roman Museum, Ribchester

Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am onwards, individual photos

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> 4-7.30pm Parents' Evening

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - School closes at 3:30pm

### Clubs:

Eco Club - Tuesday, 12 noon - 1pm at Piggy Park

Multi-Sports Club - Tuesday - 3.30-4.30pm in the Hall

Art Club - Thursday, 3.30-4.30pm in Y4's classroom