

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 6 AUTUMN 1 2018

## Literacy

Our work this term will be based around Roald Dahl's 'The Witches'. We will start by learning about information texts before writing our own text about how to identify witches. We will then move onto narrative writing and write our own version of what happens to individuals who take 'Formula 86 delay action mouse maker'. We will also begin our whole class book - Wonder.

## Religious Education

We will start the year focusing on the theme of family and, in particular, love. We will explore what love means and, through scripture and prayer, come to understand God's unconditional love and forgiveness. We will also link this to the Caritas theme of 'The Dignity of The Human Person'.

## Computing

We are going to use the Purple Mash software to learn about Coding. By the end of this unit, we will have learnt how to create a set of instructions to tell a programme to do something, as well as debugging instructions so that they work correctly. We will use this to design our own game.

## Topic Work

As part of the new curriculum structure, we will spend a series of intensive two week blocks focussing on different subjects.

**Art and Design (Collage)** - We will examine and evaluate a range of collages, exploring how they are created. We will then learn how to create a wax-relief painting by mixing oils and watercolours, so that we can create our own textured papers to use for our collages.

**Geography (Map Skills)** - We will use our new Digimaps software to refine our map skills, examining why maps are useful and why there are different types of map.

**Design Technology (Mechanical Structures)** - We will use a range of equipment and materials to make our own moving toys, exploring different ways of creating movement and evaluating their effectiveness.

## Maths

This half term the children will begin the Year 6 scheme of work for Maths No Problem. We will spend the half term reinforcing our place value knowledge, working with numbers up to 10 million. We will also practise our rounding skills. Children will also cover the four operations as we begin our Arithmetic and problem solving lessons.

In order for your child to be prepared to do quick mental and written calculations, it is important that they practise their times tables up to 12 on a regular basis - 5 minutes daily is ideal!

## Year 6 Home Learning

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will ever learn. Children may take home as many books as they like from our class bookshelf and the school library, which they are responsible for signing in and out. We ask that you spend time sitting and listening to your child read and also discussing the book.

Other homework tasks linked to our Maths and English work will be sent out on a weekly basis and need to be returned to school on Wednesdays.

Our Topic Based Home Learning Project will be sent home this week. Children in Year 6 have to achieve a minimum of 25 points. Progress towards all the tasks should take place at home. If you need any support from school, please let me know.

## French

In French this half term we will be learning a range of authentic French expressions for expressing how we feel, as well as learning new vocabulary for food and drink.

## Science

This half term our Science topic is Light. We will try to understand how we are able to see things, how light is reflected and refracted and how shadows are produced. We will end the unit by creating our very own Shadow Puppet Theatre.

## P.E.

PE will be on Wednesdays this half term. We will learn how to play Basketball, practising how to dribble with greater control and shoot accurately. We will also be doing a daily 10 minute exercise, the purpose of which is for children to keep moving and stay fit.

*Please make sure P.E. kit is clearly labelled and stays in school until half-term. For all PE lessons, except gymnastics, trainers should be worn in order to provide more support for feet and ankles. Please remove earrings and ensure hair is tied back on PE days.*

## Diary Dates

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

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - 6.30 Robinwood meeting for Y6 parents 7pm - St Augustine's meeting for Y6 parents

Thursday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school

Wednesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Robinwood for Y6

Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Assembly and food bank donations

Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - Robinwood assembly

Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9am and 6pm - phonics presentation for parents

Friday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am onwards, Individual photos

Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - School closes at 3:30p.m.