

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 1 AUTUMN 2 2018

**Theme: - Fire Fire!** Within this theme we will cover the following areas.

## Literacy

We will begin by exploring a range of poetry in relation to our senses considering poems with and without rhyme. Children will build up to writing some of their own poems. We will then consider stories from other cultures, reading and retelling and begin to include time openers and joining words in our work. We will also focus on our cursive approach to handwriting and practise applying our phonic knowledge as we write.

## Religious Education

We will be learning about Baptism. We will focus on how we belong to different groups and the invitation we receive to belong to God's family through Baptism. Leading up to Christmas we will focus on Advent and, in particular, the 'waiting' for Jesus.

## Homework

Children in Year 1 are asked to read their book at home every day, and can bring it in to change on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Children will also be bringing spellings home each week linked to their work in phonics. These are to be practised throughout the week and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Children will have a homework book which will be brought home on a Friday, the homework will be stuck in the book and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday.

## History

The focus of our learning in History is 'The Great Fire of London'. Children will look at events, people and changes around the time of the Fire, and be able to tell the difference between past and present in their own and other people's lives by using and making simple comparisons to parts of stories, and features of events. Children will learn where London is and what it looks like now and what it looked like in the past. Children will find out what happened to London during the Great Fire and why the fire spread so quickly.

## DIARY DATES

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Festival of Remembrance SS Peter & Paul's 7.00pm  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**- PTFA Meeting at 6:30pm  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**- Open Afternoon (including prospective parents) 2pm & 6.30pm  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate  
**Saturday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** - Christmas Fair - 11am - 1pm  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Advent Service at SS Peter & Paul's - 6:30pm  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** -Pantomime - 10am  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole School Mass - 9:15am  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant Production at 2pm and 6:30pm  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Carol Service in school - 2pm  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - School Band play at Morrison's, Blackburn - 4:30pm  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Class parties & Christmas Jumper Day. School Closes 3.30pm  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**- School re-opens

## Maths

Children will continue to learn from the 'Maths No Problem!' scheme, and will firstly learn to subtract from 10 using a range of methods. Children will then move on to gain an understanding of positional language, as well as directional language for left and right. We will then look at numbers up to 20, focusing in particular on numbers between 10 and 20. Children will be able to count and write to 20, compare and order numbers and see patterns within 20.

## P.E.

PE lessons are on a Wednesday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school which is clearly labelled. Children should not wear earrings on these days. The focus this half term will be team games, working together to develop skills in throwing and catching.

## Science

We will be exploring the seasons beginning with autumn and making comparisons with winter towards the end of the term. We will gain first hand experiences where possible, spending time outside collecting leaves and measuring the wind.

## Music

As well as learning the songs for the Christmas Production, children will also be learning about Reggae and Hip Hop music, learning songs and comparing the two genres.