

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 6 AUTUMN 2 2018

English

To begin the new half term, our English lessons will be based on the thought provoking book, *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio. We will get into the role of different characters to write diary entries from different perspectives, before using the themes in the book to produce a discussion text. We will then explore how to write narratives with flashbacks, using the story *Clockwork* to help us. We will also be reading and writing Free Verse Poetry linked to our WW1 History unit.

Religious Education

We will explore the word 'commitment' and apply it to different aspects of our lives. We will move on to look at the vocation of the priesthood and religious life. Finally, we will explore why some people are dedicated to the service of others.

History

Linking to the centenary commemorations of WW1, we will be examining the causes and effects of the war and exploring what life was like for the men who went to fight and those left at home. We will also be visiting Rishton's original war memorial at St Peter and St Paul's church.

Design Technology

Our topic this half term is Electrical Systems. We will link this to our work in Science to create a light-up Christmas decoration!

Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: I'll Be There by The Jackson 5, with an integrated approach where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

Maths

This half-term we will be applying our knowledge of the four operations to solving word problems. We will use bar modelling to help us to visualise word problems and then turn our attention to fractions (simplifying, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing). We will apply our skills to real-life situations in order to give meaning to the maths. We will end the half term by consolidating everything we have done so far.

Year 6 Homework

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will ever learn. They have Guided Reading sessions on a daily basis and are encouraged to change their home reading book on a regular basis. Please spend time listening to your child read and ask them questions about their book.

Our Topic Based Home Learning Project this half term is on WW1. 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. Finished project work should be brought into school by Friday 14th December 2018.

Children will continue to receive English and Maths homework on Fridays, to be returned the following Wednesday. This will always be linked to work covered in class and will help to reinforce taught skills.

P.E.

PE will be on Wednesdays this half term and our topic is Gymnastics. Please make sure P.E. kit is clearly labelled and that earrings are removed and hair is tied back.

Science - Electricity

We will be looking at constructing simple series circuits to help us answer questions about what happens when we try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors. We will work scientifically by systematically identifying the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit. We will also learn how to represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th November- PTFA Meeting at 6:30pm

Thursday 22nd November- Open Afternoon (including prospective parents) 2pm & 6.30pm

Friday 16th November - Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate

Saturday Dec 1st - Christmas Fair - 11am - 1pm

Monday 3rd December - Advent Service at SS Peter & Paul's - 6:30pm

Wednesday 5th December -Pantomime - 10am

Wednesday 12th December - Whole School Mass - 9:15am

Wednesday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December - Infant Production at 2pm and 6:30pm

Wednesday 19th December - Carol Service in school - 2pm

Thursday 20th December - School Band play at Morrison's, Blackburn - 4:30pm

Friday 21st December - Class parties & Christmas Jumper Day. School Closes 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd January 2018- School re-opens