

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - RECEPTION SPRING 1 2018

Maths

In Maths we will be using the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects. We will be estimating how many objects we can see then checking by counting. Focused sessions will work on the rapid recall of saying the number that is one more than a given number for numbers 1-20.

We will discuss shapes and their properties when making 3D models of rockets and space stations. Learning will continue about height, length and weight and we will make sure we always use the associated vocabulary.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will look at self-health and being safe and sensible. This will be extended to our homes and school. Children learn whether a series of pedestrians walking during the day and at night are wearing the right clothes to make sure that they can be seen by other road users. The children will also talk about how they and others show feelings.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be working creatively, learning to use a variety of materials and techniques when working both in 2D and 3D. They will experiment with joining materials and creating different effects. We will be design and make our own rockets and spaceships. We will also be exploring the sounds of different instruments and making up our own rhythms.

Understanding of the World

We will all be learning about Space in our topic this term. The children will be learning the names of the planets in our solar system and other bodies that are present in Space. They will look at space travel and how space is explored. The children will look at light and dark and about how we keep safe in the dark.

Physical Development

P.E. lessons will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. In our indoor PE this term we will dancing. Outside on a **Wednesday** we will continue to practise our throwing and catching skills but this time we will be using targets. The children will also be introduced to curling. PE kits are to be clearly labelled and left in school until half-term. Earrings must not be worn in lessons.

Blast into Space

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be reading lots of fun books linked to our topic including, 'The Man on the Moon', 'Bobs Best Ever Friend', 'The Way Back Home and 'Alien School'.

We will also focus on developing our writing. This will include applying our phonics knowledge independently, starting to write in full sentences with full stops, finger spaces and writing on the line. We will be writing labels and captions about space rockets. We will encourage the children to write in all the different learning areas in our classroom. Please encourage your child to write at home and bring it in to show us!

Communication and Language

The children will continue to develop their confidence in speaking in small groups and whole class situations. They will be listening to a variety of stories and recalling parts of them.

Focused phonics sessions will continue with our new phase 3 sounds and tricky words. The children will learn how to read, sound them and apply this knowledge to their independent reading and writing. They will listen to a range of stories, especially around our topic of Space, and retell them in their own words.

Religious Education

In Religious Education this term we will be learning about celebrations. The children will talk about their own experiences and feelings about celebrations they have been part of. Children will learn and understand how the parish family celebrate events.

Diary Dates:

Clubs:

Tuesday January 16th Y5/6 football starts
Wednesday 17th January, Band starts again
Thursday January 11th 6pm Open evening
January 15th 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school
Saturday January 27th - International Food evening
Sunday 4th February 10am Junior 2k Run Witton Park
Monday 5th -8th February - Reception Class Balance bike training week.
Tuesday February 6th 6.30pm Assessment update for Y6 parents
Friday 9th February - School closes at 3:30pm and reopens on February 19th

Family Masses:

Sunday 14th January, 10am
Sunday 11th February, 10am

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.

Reading books will be sent out each week and changed accordingly. Please read the book at least twice before changing. Don't forget to date and initial the reading record so we know it has been read.

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 ClassDojo! so we can see what fun you have been having. This gives your child the opportunity to talk about their weekend/ home life with their peers.