

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 1 SPRING 1 2018

Theme:- Growth and Green Fingers. Within this theme we will cover the following areas.

## Literacy

In English we will read and write instructions about how to grow plants. We will also write some garden themed stories based on stories we read including, The Enormous Turnip, The Tale of Peter Rabbit and Oliver's Vegetables. When writing, we will focus on sentence structure and punctuation. Finally, we will listen to, recite and write garden based poems.

## Religious Education

Our theme is the local church and community. The experience of Church community, gathering together on Sundays and for special times. Also the Sacraments - the more formal times of gathering. The children will explore questions around what makes people special - people in our families and our Parish family.

## Homework

Children in Year 1 are asked to read their book at home every day if possible, and bring it in and change it once they have read it 3 times. 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.

## Maths

Continuing with the popular Singapore Maths scheme, we have moved on to counting to 20 and are now adding and subtracting numbers to 20. We will then start to look at shapes and patterns before finishing the half term with length and height.

## Diary Dates:

### Clubs:

Monday 15th January, Choir starts again

Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm Open evening

January 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school

Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> - International Food evening

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - School closes at 3:30pm and reopens on Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:55am

### Family Masses:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10am

## Design and Technology

In D&T we will be developing a food vocabulary using taste, smell, texture and feel. In practical lessons we will cut, peel, grate and chop a range of ingredients to make an **end product**. We will discuss our work as it progresses and evaluate our finished product.

## Science

We will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees, as well as identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. We will also plant some seeds and record their growth. Weather permitting we will go on a nature hunt to Cutwood Park to see what plants we can spot.

## P.E.

PE lessons are indoor on a Monday and outdoor on a Friday. The focus this half term will be on dance and running/team games. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on these days which is clearly labelled, trainers will be needed for outdoor PE. Children should not wear earrings on these days.

## Art

We will be exploring the work of artists, particularly William Morris, the Victorian designer. We will make observational drawings and then develop these into prints.