

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 SPRING 1 2018

English

We will look at newspaper and online news reports and write our own. We will analyse stories set in imaginative places, including *The Borrowers*, *Harry Potter* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. In spelling, we will continue to learn the statutory Y3/4 list which also needs to be learnt at home.

Geography and Computing

We will learn about how mountains are formed and the location of important mountain ranges in the world, including the Alps, as well as developing our mapping and research skills.

Music

Our learning is focused around one song: *Stop!* - a rap/song about bullying. Children will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and composing.

Science

We will find out about Sound, how it travels, pitch and volume. We will then investigate materials to see which will provide the best insulation against sound.

French

We will learn the months of the year and practise using verbs in spoken and written sentences.

RE & PSHE

We will be exploring the life of the local Christian community and meeting those who help lead different parts of it. We will look at the vision of the Church's teaching on helping the poor and vulnerable. We will also plan community outreach activities for Lent.

Homework

Children will bring home longer books which they should read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read.

Project based homework will be sent home focusing on the Geography topic. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in half a term. Green Learning Log Books need to show work in progress.

Children will have a tables test ('The Box') each Friday. They need to practise 3 times per week at home or complete exercises to help them learn. The Year 4 requirement is now to complete all times tables to 12.

Maths

We will be learning to:

- Multiply by 0 and 1
- Divide by 1
- Multiply the same two numbers
- Multiply 3 numbers
- Multiply multiples of 10 and 100
- Multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Divide 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Solve Word problems with multiplication or division
- Draw and read picture graphs, bar and line graphs
- Count in hundredths
- Write mixed numbers and simplify them
- Find equivalent fractions

PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday.

We will be developing ball skills in Hockey on Tuesdays with Mr Slater and raising fitness levels in Circuit Training on Thursdays.

Please ensure earrings are removed at home on these days and long hair is tied back.

Diary Dates:

Thursday January 11th 6pm Open evening
Monday January 15th Choir starts; 6.30pm PTFA meeting
Wednesday January 17th Band starts
Saturday January 27th - International Food evening
Sunday February 4th - Blackburn Road Runners Junior 2K, Witton Park - flyers to be circulated for more details.
Friday 9th February - School closes at 3:30p.m and reopens on February 19th

Sacramental Programme Masses:

Sunday 14th January, 10am

Sunday 11th February, 10am