

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 SPRING 1 2018

## English

We will begin the term learning about explanation texts. We will explore the language used in them and how we can use relative clauses to enhance our sentences. We will then move onto learning about writing instructions linking this to our topic of the Mayans by writing instructions about how to make tortillas and salsa.

## Geography

Geography is our main subject this half term. Our topic is the Mayans - a tribe who lived 4000 years ago! We will study the human and physical features of the Mayans' homeland and make links to the map work we did last half term.

## History

We will be investigating the history of the Mayans, asking how their civilisation began, how it spread, what life was like for the early Mayans and what their settlements were like.

## Art

Our artwork this half term will be linked to our Mayans topic. We will be focussing on printing and will create our own printing blocks. We will also learn the following techniques and experiment with them: relief, impression and overlays.

## RE & PSHE

Our first topic this half term is Mission. We will study people who have had a mission in their life. In PSHE, we will learn about solidarity and how Christians can face challenges. We will end the half term learning about sacrifice.

## Home Learning

Children should continue to read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read. Guided Reading books, when taken home, must be returned each day as they may be used in Guided Reading sessions.

Children will have a Times Tables test ('The Box') each week so need to return their practice sheet every Wednesday. Sets of spellings will be sent home regularly. These need to be practised every day and children will be tested on them randomly during the term.

## French

We will revise the words for some animals. We will also learn the months of the year in French and practise using verbs.

## Maths

We will begin this half-term by learning about division before moving onto solving worded problems. We will then learn about reading and drawing graphs accurately before finally moving onto the final topic of Textbook 1, Fractions.

## Science

This half term our topic is Living things and their habitats. We will investigate mammals, amphibians, insects and birds and examine the similarities and differences between flowering and non-flowering plants.

## PE

**PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will be learning how to play hockey with Mr Slater and doing some Circuit Training with Mrs Byrom. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on PE days.**

## Diary Dates

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  
Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10am: **Blackburn Road Runners** Junior 2k run at Witton Park  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - School closes at 3:30pm and reopens on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:55am

## Clubs:

Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 football starts  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Band starts again  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Y6 Maths in Motion starts  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January Y5/6 Multi sports starts

## Family Masses:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10am