

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 6 SPRING 1 2018

## English

We are taking a voyage on the great Titanic in English this half term! We will begin by finding out about life during the Edwardian period, before getting into character as passengers on the famous ship. We will write recounts, diary extracts and newspaper reports based on the Titanic. In our spellings unit, we will be learning about words ending with 'cious' or 'tious' and 'cial' or 'tial' before moving onto words with the 'ough' letter string. We will also be revising grammar this half term

## Maths

We will start the half term learning about Decimals, beginning with consolidating our understanding of Place Value, building up to adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. We will then complete a unit on Measurement, focussing particularly on converting units of measurement. Finally, we will apply our skills to Word Problems and learn a range of strategies for solving them. As ever, it is essential that Times Tables up to 12 are practised on a regular basis.

## Science

Our topic this half term is Living Things and their Habitats. We will learn about Carolus Linnaeus and the system he created for classifying organisms. We will then learn how to classify vertebrates and invertebrates and finally design our own animal for a particular habitat.

## Religious Education

This half term we will begin with the topic *Sources*, learning about different books that have been written and their purpose, e.g. scripture writings and the books of the New Testament. We will then move onto the topic of *Unity*, asking what this means and how it affects our lives.

## Geography

In Geography this half term, we are going to learn about the countries that make up North America. We will explore this further by looking at the human and physical features of the continent. We will also link this to our Art topic by learning about the home of artist Andy Warhol. Project Homework this half term will be on the topic of North America.

## Art

We will develop digital media skills in Art this half term. Our work will be linked to the American artist Andy Warhol. We will display our finished work on the school's Facebook and Class Dojo! pages.

## Year 6 Home Learning

Our Topic Based Home Learning Project is on North America this half term. 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.

Children will continue to receive weekly Maths and English homework to give them an opportunity to practise the skills taught in class. This will be handed out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Children may also receive short tasks (no more than ten minutes) throughout the week to reinforce their understanding of a particular topic.

**Spellings** - Please help your child to learn the spellings from the lists attached to their homework book. These are the statutory spellings that children should know by the end of Year 6.

**Times Tables** - If children know their times tables up to 12 off by heart, they can calculate quickly and accurately. Children really enjoy using the Topmarks times tables game online to practise.

**Reading** - Reading significantly improves children's writing. Please encourage your child to read at home.

## P.E.

PE this half term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays we will be outdoors for Circuit Training. On Wednesdays we will be indoors for Hockey. Please ensure earrings are removed and hair is tied back on PE days.

## Diary Dates:

Monday 15th January, Choir starts again  
Tuesday January 16th Y5/6 football starts  
Wednesday 17th January, Band starts again  
Thursday 18th January Y6 Maths in Motion starts  
Friday 19th January Y5/6 Multi sports starts  
Thursday January 11th 6pm Open evening  
Monday January 15th 6.30pm PTFA meeting in school  
Saturday January 27th - International Food evening  
Tuesday February 6th 6.30pm Assessment update for Y6 parents  
Friday 9th February - School closes at 3:30p.m and reopens on February 19th

## Family Masses:

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