

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 5 SPRING 2 2018

English

Our English work throughout this half term will be based on the poem, The Highwayman. We will explore the language of this classic poem in light of its historical context. We will also use this poem as a basis for developing our writing skills in persuasion. Then, moving on to our Choral Performance unit, we will try to learn the poem off by heart and perform it for the school.

Geography

In Geography we will be learning about rivers. We will examine the features of rivers, look at case studies of local rivers and research some of the most famous rivers in the world. We will also act out what it is like to be a water droplet on the inside and outside bend of a river and try to understand why this is.

We will build on our general knowledge of the world by carrying out case studies of different parts of it. We will also work on our map skills with an emphasis on grid references.

D&T

Structures and bridges is our topic this half term. We will examine some famous bridges, linking to our topic of rivers, and look at the different ways bridges are built. We will experiment making our own bridges with newspaper and investigate how best to strengthen them. When we have an understanding of structure, we will use different materials to create our own bridges. Will they stand up to the test?

Science

Our topic this half term is Life Cycle of Humans. We will begin by exploring how animals develop and grow, before making comparisons with human life cycles. We will also examine how we have changed from babies and explore what we may look like when we get older! Please send any baby photos you have of the children into school using Dojo!

RE & PSHE

RE is our main subject this half term, with the build up to Easter being at the forefront of our RE lessons. We will think about Lent as a time of sacrifice and understand how the Eucharist is the living memorial of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Home Learning

Children should read independently for at least 20 minutes daily. Please help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions on what they have read. Books 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 and need to return their practice sheet every Thursday. Sets of spellings will be sent home throughout the half-term. These need to be practised every day and children will be tested randomly on them during the half-term.

Topic home learning will be sent out on Friday 23rd February.

Maths

We will spend most of this half-term mastering fractions-calculating equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions as well as adding, subtracting and finally multiplying them. We are confident we can master this area of maths and have made a really good start!

French

This half term we will be examining verbs in French and making comparisons with English. We will also revisit food and construct sentences giving our opinion.

PE

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our topics this half term are Circuit Training with Mr Slater on a Tuesday and Team Games with Mrs Byrom on a Thursday. Some sessions will take place outside so please make sure your child has a pair of supportive trainers to wear.

Diary Dates

February 23rd - 3.45pm PTFA meeting in staff room
February 26th - Book Week starts
February 28th - 9.30am - Y5 Class Mass
March 1st - World Book Day - dress as a book character
March 9th - 3:00pm - Y5 Class Learning Assembly
March 11th - 10am - Family Mass
March 14th - 6pm - Reconciliation for Sacramental programme candidates
March 22nd - 4-7pm - Parents' Evening
March 22nd - 6.30pm - Governors' meeting
March 24th - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt in Church (afternoon)
March 27th - 2pm and 6.30pm - Y3&4 Production - Resurrection Rock
March 29th - Egg Raffle and 3.30pm end of term
April 1st - Easter Sunday
April 15th - 10am - Family Mass
April 16th - 8.55am - School reopens