

ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 6 SPRING 2 2018

English

In English this half term we will focus our attention on the art of narrative writing. We will be asking what makes a good story, before analysing examples, gathering ideas and producing our own fantasy narrative. We will link our work to book week, gaining inspiration from the many genres and authors we will discover. Finally, we will revisit explanation and discussion texts.

Maths

We will begin the half term learning how to calculate percentage change and investigating ratio and proportion. We will then consolidate our knowledge of area, perimeter, volume and capacity before moving on to algebra and sequences (including negative numbers). We will then spend time on geometry and position and movement, before ending the half term studying graphs and calculating averages.

Science - Electricity

We will be looking at constructing simple series circuits to help us answer questions about what happens when we try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors. We will work scientifically by systematically identifying the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit. We will also learn how to represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols

Religious Education

Lent will be the focus of our Religious Education this half term as we prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. We will learn about the Eucharist and how receiving communion means that we are in union with Jesus Christ and with one another. We will look at the Our Father and how it comes between the Eucharistic prayer and the giving of Holy Communion in Mass.

Year 6 Home Learning

In order that children are fully prepared for their SATs tests in May, **Maths and English homework** will be given out on a more regular basis this half term. The tasks set will build on the work the children have completed in school that day and will further support and develop their understanding. Children will record when the homework is due in. Please ensure that you enable your child the time to complete their homework and return it to school. To free up more time, there will be no topic homework sent out this half-term for Year 6 children.

P.E.

This half-term the children will be doing running and fitness training on Mondays and team games on Wednesdays.

Music

In Music this half term we will be following a programme of Classroom Jazz, learning how to produce Jazz, Latin and Blues music. We will also learn techniques for improvisation - a key skill in producing this type of music.

As always, please encourage your child to read as often as possible as this will benefit their fluency in writing.

Diary Dates:

February 23rd - 3.45pm PTFA meeting in staff room
February 26th - Book Week starts
March 1st - World Book Day - dress as a book character
March 6th - 7pm - Y6 Science and Maths Quiz at St Augustine's
March 11th - Family Mass 10am
March 14th - 6pm Reconciliation for Sacramental programme candidates
March 22nd - Parents' Evening 6.30pm Governors' meeting
March 24th - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt in Church (afternoon)
March 29th - Egg Raffle and 3.30pm end of term
April 15th - Family Mass 10am
April 16th - School reopens 8.55am

History

We will be learning about WW2 and the impact it had on our area. We will also learn about the Battle of Britain and the strategies used by the British which led to Hitler changing his strategy.

Please also ensure children are working through the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 **spelling lists** as often as possible and aim to learn all the words by the end of the year.

Finally, short bursts of times tables practice (up to x12 tables) will aid children's speed and accuracy when solving calculations in Maths.