

# ST CHARLES CURRICULUM INFORMATION - YEAR 4 SUMMER 1 2018

## English

We will write a non-chronological report on the artist, Henri Matisse before writing a persuasive letter to Lancashire County Council to keep Rishton Library open. We will then read excerpts from the Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame and look at how Alan Bennett adapted it into a play. Finally, we will write our own scene with the characters.

In Spelling we will finish learning the list of statutory words for Years 3 and 4 plus words with 'sc', endings that are spelt 'sion' and more homophones.

## Art

We will be learning collage techniques inspired by French artist, Henri Matisse, and also developing our drawing skills.

## Science

We will finish studying living things and their habitats and then find out about the human digestive system and how food is transported around the body. We will investigate the effect of different liquids on eggs made of a similar material to our teeth.

## History

We will be learning about World War I as our local history unit and preparing for commemorations at the Rishton Festival.

## French

We will develop our speaking and listening skills using songs and rhymes.

## RE & PSHE

We will be learning how to hear and live the Easter message spread by the power of the Holy Spirit before looking at the life and work of St Paul. We will find out about the Church's teaching on the dignity of work and how it contributes to common good.

## 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 focus on WW1. Year 4 children need to accumulate at least 15 points in a half-term. Purple 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. A weekly list of spellings or a worksheet will also be sent home for learning.

*Homework must be handed in on Wednesdays please.  
Library books also need to be returned on a Wednesday.*

## Maths

We will be learning about:

- Finding equivalent fractions
- Simplifying mixed and improper fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Telling time on a 24 hour clock
- Changing time in minutes to seconds
- Changing time in hours to minutes
- Solving problems on the duration of time
- Changing years to months and weeks to days
- Solving word problems

*Help on telling the time at home will greatly accelerate the children's understanding.*

## P.E.

P.E. will be tennis on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure all kit is in school including pumps or trainers. Some children will continue to swim with Year 3 on Thursdays.

## Diary Dates:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30pm PTFA Meeting  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 12-1.15pm Eco Club starts - please bring a packed lunch.  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 -4.45pm History Club starts  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May School closed for Bank Holiday  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm School Governors' Meeting  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10am Sacramental Programme Mass  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May Royal Wedding Lunch  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, school closes for Half-Term and reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.55am.  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photos  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - School Barbeque