



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Spring Term 2 2024

Welcome back! We hope to keep you informed about what is happening in class and what learning is taking place via these curriculum letters. Please also look out for messages on the Class Dojo page.

Key Information

- P.E - This half-term PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Children can come to school in their PE kit on these days only.** All children need pumps or trainers on these days. Please also ensure earrings and any other jewellery is taken off on these days. If children come to school in incorrect PE kits, do not have the correct footwear or have jewellery on, **they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.**
- Reading Books – Please make sure you read with your child and sign the diary. It is very important time is spent with your child allowing them to apply the phonic sounds learnt in lessons. Please can parents also ensure books are kept in the plastic wallets as we have many books being returned damaged and ripped. There will be a £10.00 charge for any damaged books. Children will also be bringing home a library book each week. Please ensure it is returned each Monday for it to be exchanged.
- Any concerns/problems - If you have any concerns or worries about your child, please come, and speak to us at the end of the day or ring the school office to make an appointment.

English



In English this half term we will begin by looking at Traditional Tales. We will read a range of different traditional tales and look at the similarities between the texts. We will use the texts to discuss the main characters and events in the stories, and the children will learn to develop and demonstrate their understanding of characters and events through role play and drama. We will use repetition and patterns in the story to learn how to retell

the story orally and sequence the events. We will continue to apply our phonic knowledge and skills to decode words. We will finish the unit by writing our own version of a traditional tale, making sure we reread every sentence to check it makes sense. We will begin to apply the skills learnt during our grammar sessions to ensure when writing we use punctuation to demarcate sentences (capital letters and full stops) and begin to add joining words to our sentences.

We will then move onto a unit of work on Recounts. We will learn about when we might come across a recount and the key text features and vocabulary used. We will then use what we have learnt to recount a family event.

Maths

This half term in Maths we will continue learning about number bonds to 20 and use these to solve addition problems. We will add by counting on and subtract by counting back or finding the difference. We will also be learning to count forwards and backwards from 20 to 50. As we become confident we will learn to count by making groups of 10. We will then move onto comparing heights and lengths of objects using language such as "longer than", "shorter than" and "taller than". Children will understand that height is a type of length and that the language they use changes, depending on what type of length they are describing and comparing.

Religious Education



Our RE this half term will be focussing on Easter. We will begin by looking at signs of spring and then make connections through the Easter Story and new life.

Physical Education

Monday's PE unit is Dance. We will be learning to show moods and feelings through the way we move. We will be learning to move as if we were living in the jungle. We will then perform a short dance with a beginning, middle and end with repeated actions.

Wednesday's outdoor PE sessions will continue to be run by Junior Jam. They will focus on football skills, such as dribbling, passing and shooting.

Personal, Social and Emotional Education

Our focus in PSHE is 'Keeping Healthy.' We will look at how food and exercise are important in keeping us healthy, as well as good personal hygiene routines. We will learn about sun safety and then move onto learning about personal privacy and what this involves.



Geography

In Geography we will begin by learning about where we are in the world. We will then learn about the 7 continents and oceans. We will locate where these are on a map and use geographical vocabulary to describe where they are in the world.

Computing

Our computing sessions will be taught by Junior Jam. This half term the children will learn the fundamentals of photography. They will be taught about focal point, choosing the right background and the importance of light. Pupils will use the iPad to take photos before learning how to use the basic editing software to edit their photos.

Art



In Art we will be exploring lines. We will look at the artist Bridget Riley and learn about different types of lines and how we can use different resources to create them. We will then use what we have learnt to create work in the style of the artist.

Music

Our Music sessions taught by Junior Jam the children will be exploring an introduction to singing. The children will learn about posture, breathing and diction when singing and will learn some vocal techniques such as singing scales.

Science



In Science we will be learning about plants. We will be naming common plants and flowers and labelling their different parts. We will study the roots of a tree and a plant and look at its function.