



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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## Year 2 Curriculum Letter

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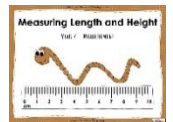
Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break. Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term.

### English

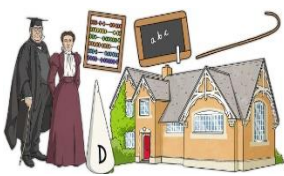
In English this half term we will begin by continuing our unit on 'Stories by the same Author' moving on to 'Stories with a Familiar Setting.' This half term we will focus on writing a narrative and understanding of characters. We will move on to creating a persuasive leaflet/poster. Our grammar will focus on generating and effectively using adjectives, adding the suffixes ful /less and building on our knowledge of nouns to create noun phrases for description.

### Maths

In Maths this half term we are continuing our learning on multiplication and division before moving on to measurements including length and height. We will also cover mass, capacity, and temperature. We will continue to recap our previous learning through our morning work.



### History



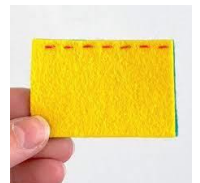
In History, we will be learning about the Victorian era, with a focus of what schools were like in the past looking at what our school as we celebrate 150 years of St Matthews. We will have a Victorian school day and find out just what it was like in the past! We will look at how the Victorians influenced our lives today and what it was like for children during the Victorian era.

### Science

In Science we will be looking at plants. In this unit of learning, we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. Finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

### DT

In DT we will be learning to sew. We will learn to sew a running stitch understanding that both ends must be knotted. We will prepare and cut fabric to make a pouch from a template. We will then use a running stitch to join the two pieces of fabric together and decorate our pouches using the different materials.



## RE



During this term our topic in RE will be Easter, we will learn about how symbols help us to understand the story. We will look at all the symbols that represent Easter and their importance for Christians.

## PE

This half term in our outdoor PE session we will be learning how to play football. It will be taught by Junior Jam tutors. Children will learn to understand football basics and the fundamentals such as ball mastery, dribbling, passing, shooting, tackling and teamwork. Games and activities involving the use of footballs will be introduced. By the end of the unit, children will have developed the required skills to move a ball forward and backwards using their feet, keeping the ball under some control.

Or indoor PE session will be dance. Children will be able to describe and explain how performers can transition from shapes and balances. Children will be challenged to move imaginatively to music, and work as part of a team to create and perform.

## Computing

This half term Junior Jam will teach a unit called i-magazine. Children will create a school magazine using previously taught skills. They will learn how to insert photographs and text as well as learn how to format, write, and structure their own marketable magazine.



## The Arts

This half term Junior Jam will be leading drama sessions. Children will be looking at presenting. They will learn about the different types of presenting roles and the role of the presenter. Children will take on different roles, write their own scripts and present a range of things from news bulletins to children's TV shows.

## Music

In Music, children will focus on understanding musical phrasing. They will perform vocal exercises to build on their pitch matching skills and their responses to changes in dynamics and tempo within a song. The children will also learn more technical keywords such as crescendo and diminuendo and be taught how to perform these using visual cues. By the end of this unit the children will know how to warm up and cool down, they will also know some vocal techniques such as singing scales and using call and response.



## PSHE

This half term our PSHE sessions will focus on looking after ourselves and keeping our bodies healthy including our teeth, mental health, and our sleeping pattern.