



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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Year 4 Curriculum Letter Autumn 1

Welcome back! It's so nice to be back in school and we look forward to keeping you informed about what is happening in class via the Curriculum Letters.

English

In our English lessons we will be looking at two different types of writing: Fairy Tales and Classic poetry. We will look at the Pied Piper of Hamelin as part of the Fairy Tales section. The children will look at the features of these different texts and create their own versions of the tales. In poetry they will look various classic poetry and use this to create their own. Following this, they will perform them across the year group. In Grammar the children will be focusing on subordinating conjunctions, noun phrases and nouns for precision.



Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be consolidating a variety of skills as follows;



- Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones)
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

Science

Our topic this half term in science is 'electricity'. We will begin by exploring how electricity is used in everyday life and why it is important to use. We will then look at different sources of light and how they are generated and exported. Following this, the children will discover circuits and components needed to make electricity flow. This will be done through trial and error with lots of different challenges.



Art

The art this half term will be sketching using different types of pencils and learning how to shade effectively. The main theme will be drawing skulls and decorating them in different ways. One of the skills we will be looking into is pointillism. The artist we will study is called Jean Basquait



RE



The RE unit this half term is called 'God, David, and the Psalms'. To start the unit, we will introduce David and some of the Bible stories he was involved in to think about the values God wanted all people to have. Using the stories, we will discuss how what we have learnt can have impact on our daily choices and how we deal with real life situations. Towards the end of the unit, we will discover the Psalms from the Bible by listening to them and creating artwork and special boxes to portray the teachings.

PE



This half term the children will be partaking in gymnastics sessions. These sessions will focus on movement, balance, sequencing and using different levels. Tag Rugby is the other sport the children will be participating in. They will look at how to hold the ball correctly as well as develop their tactical skills. They will also have to develop their own games with rules and resources.

Computing

This terms computing topic will be computer programming. We will teach this by using "Purple Mash" and 2Code which can be accessed at home via the school website. In a few weeks' time you will be able to ask the children how to move their characters around, change the back drops, change colours, and speak the conversation they have created. We will discuss new vocabulary such as algorithm, decode, fix, and debug. We will also cover online safety.



PSHE

This focus in PSHE this half term is 'Altogether now'. We will specifically look at what a community is and how we can be part of one and help others. We will work as a class to come up with a community project to try and improve the area/help others and implement this. At the start of the year we will create a class charter and dip back into some growth mind set and how it can help us develop personally.



MUSIC



This half term the children will be looking at the music of ABBA. They will listen and appraise several ABBA songs. The children will learn the song MAMA MIA and will use percussion instruments to accompany their singing.

SPANISH



In Spanish the children will be looking at the topic 'Presenting themselves.' They will learn how to introduce themselves and say where they come from, as well as learn numbers to 20.