



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

Year 6

Spring 2 Curriculum Letter

Below is an outline of some of the exciting things your children will be learning this half term. Please remember reading books are to be in school every day and PE kits worn with correct footwear on PE days. (Tuesdays and Thursday)

English

In this half term we will be looking at detective/mystery stories. Our main text will be "The London Eye Mystery" by Siobhan Dowd. We will focus on what makes an effective mystery story by unpicking and then emulating these techniques. The concept of what a detective might look and act, how clues can be left and how red herrings are used to throw the reader off the real culprit. This will give us plenty of practice and writing suspense and linking our action, description and dialogue.

For the final part of the half term, we will be reading and writing some explanation texts. As non-fiction these will give us plenty of opportunities to solidify our presentation techniques such as headings, bullet points and chronological order. We can't wait to dive in!

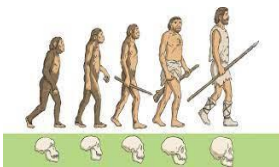


Maths

We will begin this half term by looking at decimals. This will include adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will then look at the link between fractions, decimals and percentages and make sure the recall of these are as quick as possible. Area, perimeter and volume will be the next unit we will cover before we finish for the Easter half term.

In preparation for the upcoming SATs in May the children will also face a variety of questions from all of their previous learning to both consolidate, and allow for more practice of, certain skills before their assessments in Summer 1.

Science



This term we are looking at evolution and adaptation. We will be conducting research and observations to help us recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will be looking at how animals have adapted for survival and researching how species have adapted to their environments.

Geography

This half term in our Geography lessons we will be learning all about the Amazon rainforest. We will be learning about the key features of the environment as well as where it is located and what it provides for humans.

Music

This half term Junior Jam will be teaching 6W how to play simple songs on a ukulele. Each week they will build upon their skills and hopefully be able to perform for a few people in school!



RE

During this half term, we will be exploring why Exodus was such a significant event in both Jewish and Christian history. We will explore what happened in this Biblical event and its meaning for Christians today.

- Why did God choose Moses?
- What is freedom? Why is freedom important?
- What does it mean to be free?
- Why is it important to remember?

PE



PE we will be focusing on two different units. With Junior Jam, Year 6 will be developing their football skills such as dribbling, passing and scoring while maintaining fair play. In our other session we will be learning the rules, skills and then begin to play tag rugby outdoors on the MUGA.

Computing

Throughout this half term we will be completing a unit with Junior Jam which focuses on digital media. This unit will allow children to design objects digitally including using 3d modeling.

PSHE

Our Spring 2 unit is called "Healthy Me" and will focus on how we can keep our bodies healthy. This will cover diet and physical exercise as a key staple to ensuring that we develop and grow in a healthy way. Then we will explore the effects of substances such as drugs or alcohol on the body and the harm these can have. First aid and emergency procedures such as the recovery position will also be taught and finally children will look at how to keep our minds healthy and use some techniques to control our emotions and our worries

