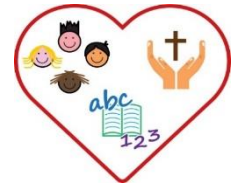








St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



NEWSLETTER – May 17th 2021

The values we are considering this half term are **THANKFULNESS** (one of our school values) and **SERVICE**.

 Stars of the week! 	 Values Award 	 Best attendance: 																								
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's newsletter has lots of information about some great things that have been taking place in school this week and some helpful advice about how simply watching your television can help you and your child learn to read using subtitles.

As the country moves to the next level of easing of restrictions, we are still being cautious at school and most of the measures that we have in place, will remain for the foreseeable future. We are following carefully the advice of the local Public Health Authorities in all we do.

Very best wishes,



Mr Mackley

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Author Visit – Floella Benjamin

This week the children in Years 4-6 have enjoyed taking part in a virtual author visit with Floella Benjamin. They have enjoyed finding out all about the author, her book 'Coming to England' and have been able to ask lots of questions to the author about her life experiences. Following on from this the children have completed some artwork and writing activities which are now on display in school. Mrs Shaikh



IDL

Most children in school have an 'IDL' account; this is an online resource which has been proven to have a positive impact on a child's reading, spelling and maths abilities. The great thing about this being online is that they can access the activities at home which means that they can not only get more practice but also share with you what they are doing and you can support them more in their learning.

If they are unsure what their username or password is, all they need to do is ask their teacher who will be able to provide the information for them.

Click on the image to the right to visit the parents' guide on the IDL website.

Miss Young.

Visiting St Matthew's Church



The children have been looking at Special Places in RE (Religious Education). This week the children in Reception have had the opportunity to go and visit St Matthew's Church. They enjoyed looking at all the different features of a church and comparing this to their own special places of worship.

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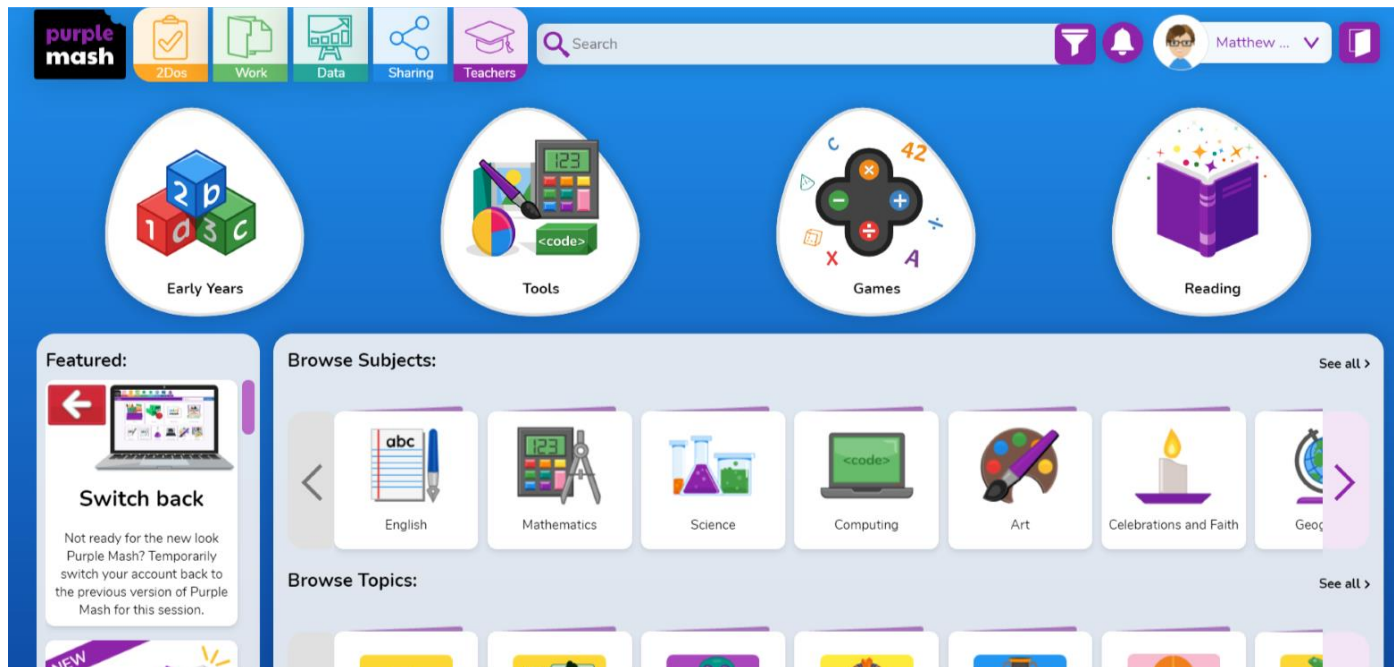
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Purple Mash

Purple Mash is the web based computer package we use at St Matthew's to help us deliver the IT curriculum.

We have been informed that Purple Mash will soon be switching to a new and improved layout! Mr Ward has had a sneak peek and it definitely looks more modern. Remember you can access Purple Mash at home for free, children should already know their login details, if not please contact your child's teacher who will be happy to help!



Turn On The Subtitles!

Usually you hear schools telling people to turn off their televisions and to get their children active, this is advice that still stands as being active is amazingly beneficial for children.

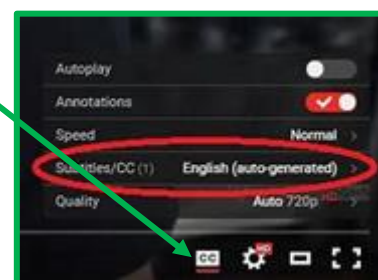
However! Research shows watching 30 minutes of television a week with the SUBTITLES ON really helps to improve your child's reading!

Help your child by turning on your subtitles.

On YouTube this can be done by clicking on the CC icon on the bottom-right.



On Amazon Prime this can be done by clicking on the speech bubble on your film and selecting the language you wish to use.

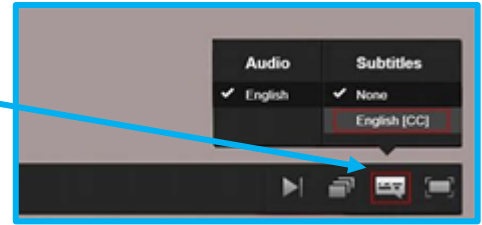


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On Netflix this can be done by clicking at the bottom of what you are watching and clicking on the speech bubble again:



Have fun reading and remember to TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!!

Find out more: [Sandi Toksvig asks the nation to 'Turn On The Subtitles' - YouTube](#) and turn On The Subtitles!

Prayer

This is the prayer for Mr Mackley's worship this week; it continues the theme of **service**.

God's plan, our prayer

Father God

You have great plans for all of us!

Help us by your Spirit, to serve you with our whole heart,

As we each play our special part.

Amen

Don't forget to visit our school website if you need answers to your questions about school **and** do have a look at some of our worship blogs and leave us a comment!

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Also, if you are one of the very few who are not yet registered for Class Dojo, get in touch with your child's teacher to find out how to get connected!

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