



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy  
A member of **CTDARI**

## Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 1 2023

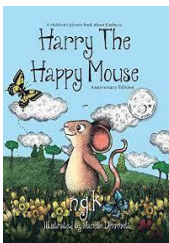
Welcome back! We hope to keep you informed about what is happening in class and what learning is taking place via these curriculum letters.

Please also look out for messages on the class dojo page.

### Key Information

- P.E – This half-term PE will take place on Monday's and Wednesday's. Children can come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please make sure all PE kits are labelled with your child's name, as well as every item of their uniform. Also, please ensure earrings are not worn on these days.
- Water bottles – Each child has been given a water bottle which will be kept in school. These will be cleaned weekly.
- Glasses – If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to school every day.
- Inhalers & Medication. If your child requires an inhaler please make sure they have one in school that is in date.
- Home time – if your child is being picked up by someone who isn't on the list, please let us know in advance as we are not allowed to let them go if they are not on the list.
- 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.

### English



This half terms English unit will be a bridging unit from Reception to Year 1. Our focus for the unit will be on Harry the Happy Mouse by N.G.K and Janelle Dimmett. We will start by orally reciting traditional nursery rhymes based around the theme of mice, looking at rhyming words and then writing our own short rhyme. We will then move onto looking at the story 'Harry the Happy Mouse'. We will talk about the story and use our phonics to build and blend key words. We will learn how to look at illustrations to predict the storyline and respond to who, what where, when, how and why questions. We will then move onto writing our own simple sentences about the story, orally rehearsing them first. We will be learning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in the correct places. We will finish the unit by planning and writing our own story and then reading it to an audience.

## Maths



In Maths we will be learning to sort, count and represent numbers within 10. This includes more and less and how to count forwards and backwards accurately. They will be comparing numbers and ordering them using number lines. The children will learn how to make a part whole model to help with addition and subtraction facts to 10. They will learn to add more and cross out to solve number problems. The children will learn 2D and 3D shape and how to sort them with their properties.

## Religious Education

During the first few weeks we will be looking at 'Harvest', thinking about where our food comes from and why do we celebrate Harvest. We will also think about which foods we enjoy most and how can we help those who do not have a good harvest. We will learn how the Jewish faith celebrates Harvest and how this is called Sukkot.

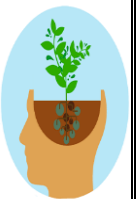


## Physical Development

Monday PE sessions will be outdoor. We will be focusing on 'Attack, Defend, Shoot'. The children will be experiences a variety of games, practising their throwing and catching skills and thinking about direction and speed. Wednesday's sessions will be undertaken by a specialist coach from Junior Jam. Children will learn to run, jog, skip, stretch and balance with confidence. Activities will encourage pupils to travel around, under, over and through various forms of apparatus and equipment. Pupils will learn how to use a range of small and large pieces of equipment in a basic, safe and controlled manner.

## PSHE

This half term we are focusing on growth mind-set and thinking about the characters in our classroom which will help us become more mindful e.g. 'Batman the team player' and 'Superwomen who puts in the effort.' Growth mindset is something that we are looking at as a whole school to help us to become better learners. We will then move on to think about 'Belonging in a Community' we will explore about being part of different groups, and the role the children play in these groups e.g., class, teams, faith groups, beavers, rainbows. We will learn about the children's rights and responsibilities within the different groups and within school life.



## History

In History the children will be learning about the Great Fire of London. This exciting topic will begin with the children investigating how, why, when and where the fire started. They will learn about Samuel Pepys who was a member of parliament in 1666 and the role he played during the time of the fire. We will also be discussing how the fire could have been prevented and how London was rebuilt in the months that followed.



## Music

Music will be taught by a specialist tutor from Junior Jam. They will be introduced to basic song writing skills using the app 'GarageBand' and create a class song before moving into pairs or small groups to create a short composition using a variety of instruments and sounds available within the Apps.



## Drama

Children will learn what is meant by drama and how the skills learnt in these lessons can help with things outside of a school environment. Pupils will learn how to emote by using their voice, face and body. Once they have learnt how to emote themselves, pupils will look at reading emotions in others. During the final part of the half term pupils will learn about the technical names for the stage.

## Design & Technology



In DT the children will be exploring and testing different ways to join and cut materials. They will use tape, glue, and different joining techniques such as slots, tabs and L bends to see which way is best before designing and making a 3D model of a house.