



# St Matthew's

## Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

### Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 1 2023

Welcome to Year 2, we hope these Curriculum Letters will keep you informed about what is happening and how you can support your child.

#### Key information

- Water bottles - Each child has been given a school water bottle which will remain in school. You do not need to send a water bottle to school.
- Glasses - If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school every day.
- Inhalers - 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 or on

#### English

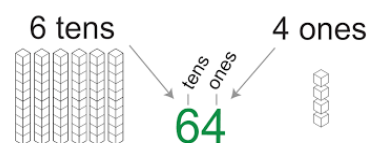
In English this half term, we will start by reading a range of stories with familiar settings. During this unit we will be focusing on consolidating our skills from Year 1, including writing in full sentences with capital letters, full stops, joining sentences with 'and', 'but' and 'or' as well as using question and exclamation marks. We will then be looking at non-chronological reports, as well as poems on a theme. While we will be working hard on our reading in lots of ways, please continue to read at home as often as possible.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be starting the first 4 weeks on place value. We will be developing what the children have learnt from Year 1 and broadening our understanding to be able to solve problems and give reasoning.

This will include:

- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a two digit number (tens, ones).
- Identify, represent, and estimate numbers using different representations including the number line.
- Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  signs.
- Use place value and number facts to solve problems.
- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward.



After that, we will apply what we have learnt from place value into addition and subtraction through practise, solving problems and give reasoning.

This will include:

- Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100.
- Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and ones; a two-digit number and tens; two two-digit numbers; adding three one-digit numbers.

## Geography

This half term in Geography, we are looking at 'Hot and Cold places.' We will be identifying hot and cold places, locating hot and cold places using a map, finding features of a hot or cold place, how animals adapt to a hot or cold place and how to pack for a hot or cold holiday.

## RE

During this unit the children will be discovering more about the Bible and why for Christians it is the most important book, and for many their most treasured possession. We will also be looking at our own special books which we will share with each other.



## Science

In Science the children will be building on their previous knowledge of materials and looking closer at their properties. This will involve discussing why certain materials are used using their reasoning skills, and testing different materials to prove why a certain material is better than others for different purposes.

## PE



This half-term PE will take place on Wednesday's and Friday's. Children can come into school in the correct school PE kit only on these days. Also, please ensure earrings are not worn on these days.

In PE this half term we will be doing multi-skills led by specialist coaches from Junior Jam in our hall time on a Wednesday, and on Friday, we will have our outside PE time where we will be doing our Attack, Defend and Shoot unit.

## Computing

This half term children will learn about a selection of different styles of popular music from the past 60 years and will create their own versions using the app 'GarageBand'. The children will learn how to recognise different instruments and sounds associated with different genres. During this module the children will be learning all about genre. They will be able to identify different genres throughout different times in history.

## Music

The children will be introduced to a variety of percussion instruments. They will be given several different tasks and activities that introduce and develop a range of musical terminology and skills from tempo to dynamics. By the end the children will have gained a greater understanding of percussion instruments and how to play and compose using them.

## The Arts

The 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. The children will learn how to express by using their voice, face, and body. Once they have learnt how to express themselves children 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.

## PSHE

This half term our PSHE sessions we will be looking at the community we belong to. We will look at what rules are; caring for others' needs and looking after the environment. We will also look at Relationships. Children will learn how behaviour affects others; being polite and respectful and the roles of different people within their families..

## Art

This half term we will be looking at the artist Andy Warhol. We will look at the pop art style and create our own masterpieces in this style.

