



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of CTDARI

Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term 2 2022

English

Please continue to read with your child at home on a regular basis, commenting in your child's reading record. We expect that children read with an adult 4-5 times a week. Your child will also be given weekly spellings to learn and then tested on these on a Friday.

Over this term our main unit will be based around the novel, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Over the course of the unit children will read and analyse the text, identifying effective vocabulary that the author has used, comment on the grammatical features that have been included and analyse how characters' feelings and actions develop through the novel. Children will participate in a range of shorter writing opportunities, such as writing diary entries in role of characters and writing a short poem based on the opening of the novel. All these short writing opportunities are used for children to build up their skills before writing their own shared, then independent write based on a section of *The Iron Man*. Within the unit, the main grammar focus will be on children using inverted commas to mark direct speech and generating and applying effective verbs and adverbs.

Maths

This term, children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction. Children will learn strategies to add and subtract 3 and 2 digit numbers using practical resources as well as exploring ways of mentally calculating. We will then move on to our multiplication and division unit where children will learn and embed the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, before using this understanding to solve division calculations.

R.E

At the start of the term children will be finishing of the unit 'Called by God'. They will have opportunity to reflect on what it feels like to be asked to do something by somebody when they do or don't want to do it. Children will then make links to how we are called by God to do his work. Children will reflect on the actions and behaviour God would want us to make. We will also learn about some of the prophets such as Moses, Jonah and Elijah and reflect on how they were called by God and the impact it had on them. Finally, as we get closer to Christmas we will start our Christmas unit- God with us. Children will build on their knowledge of the nativity story and reflect on the role of the shepherds and think about how they would have felt at the time. We will also learn the story of Papa Panov and think about how we can use this to help the lives of ourselves and others.

DT

Our DT unit of levers will be completed over the course of a week towards the end of November/beginning of December. Children will design and make a character with moving parts using levers and pulleys.

PE

This half term our PE will be on Monday and Friday. Our Monday lessons will be outside leaning about rugby- please ensure, particularly as the days become colder, children wear appropriate clothing for the weather, such as black jogging bottoms and a school PE top. As part of our learning, children will develop their understanding of the basic rules of rugby such as point scoring and the rules of passing. Children will learn simple passing skills in a rugby game situation and learn to apply simple tactics in game situations. Our Friday lessons will be inside learning about gymnastics with the aim of developing their own gymnastic sequence as part of a small group. Children will copy and explore different movements for their sequence, including ways to travel. We will also develop our technique when travelling, balancing and using equipment.

Computing

The computing units for this half term are Online Safety and Touch Typing. Our first unit of Online Safety will develop children's understanding of how to keep safe online and will provide children opportunity to reflect on what websites, films, games and other online platforms they use and think of the appropriateness of these. We will learn what age restrictions and other guidance means and why these are important to follow. Our second unit of Touch Typing will teach children the most effective ways to use a keyboard and will provide children opportunities to practise these techniques.

PSHE

Our PSHE this half term will be focussed on relationships. Children will learn and reflect on what respect and self-respect means and reflect on how these are important when building relationships with people. We will also think about our relationships within our families and learn how this may be different for different families. Children will learn how all families are different and accept that this is ok. Children will also think about how we can support our families and what we can do if somebody in our family upsets us or is upset.

Science

Our unit this half term is Forces. First, children will learn what a force is and think of everyday examples where a force needs to be applied to move an object. Children will then explore what magnets are and how they can be used in everyday life. They will investigate which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic and explore how the end of magnets are different (opposites attract). Children will also plan and carry out an investigation to explore how objects move differently on different surfaces and start to think why this happens.

Geography

Over this next half term, the children will be learning about earthquakes. Initially, we will be focussing on what an earthquake is, why these happen and exploring tectonic plates. We will look specifically at famous earthquakes that have happened and create a report. From this, we will explore in more detail how earthquakes can impact land, roads and buildings as well as people and communities. Finally, we will look at how people might prepare for an earthquake and the survival kit people use to help them following an earthquake.

Spanish

The unit this half term is Ancient Britain where children will learn Spanish words linked to Ancient Britain such as the Stone, Iron and Bronze Age.