



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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## Year 4 Curriculum Letter

### Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back! It's so nice to be back in school and we look forward to keeping you informed about what is happening in class via the Curriculum Letters.

#### English

In our English lessons we will be looking at fantasy stories, film and play scripts and explanation texts. The fantasy stories will be based around the theme of dragons, the children will write a play script from a short video called Sniff and Snatch and the explanation text will be linked to our Science topic all about electricity. The main grammar focus will be on fronted adverbials and noun phrases and the punctuation focus will be on commas, full stops, capital letters and inverted commas.



#### Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be consolidating a variety of skills as follows.

- Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Find 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens and ones)
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above and with increasingly large positive numbers.
- Count backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.



#### Science

Our topic this half term in Science is 'electricity'. We will begin by exploring how electricity is used in everyday life and why it is important to use. We will then look at different sources of light and how they are generated and exported. Following this, the children will discover circuits and components needed to make electricity flow. This will be done through trial and error with lots of different challenges.



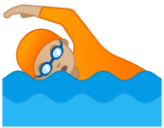
## Art



The art this half term will be sketching using different types of pencils and learning how to shade effectively. The main theme will be drawing skulls and decorating them in different ways. One of the skills we will be looking into is pointillism. The artist we will study is called Jean Basquiat

## RE

The RE unit this half term is called 'God, David and the Psalms'. To start the unit, we will introduce David and some of the Bible stories he was involved in to think about the values God wanted all people to have. Using the stories, we will discuss how what we have learnt can have an impact on our daily choices and how we deal with real life situations. Towards the end of the unit we will discover the Psalms from the Bible by listening to them and creating artwork and special boxes to portray the teachings.



## PE

The children will be swimming every week at West View Leisure Centre. In school Junior Jam will be delivering the PE. By the end of the Multi skills unit, pupils will be able to demonstrate a number of techniques from a range of sports. Pupils will develop physical skills used in most sports such as running, jumping, throwing, balance and hand-eye coordination as well as mental skills like teamwork. In addition to this, pupils will learn sport-specific skills such as dribbling and passing a football as well as how to properly hold a cricket bat.

## Computing

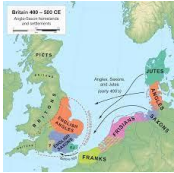
Junior Jam will be delivering the computing. During this module the class will be learning all about genre. They will be able to identify different genres throughout different times in history, and some will be able to give key characteristics from those genres. Pupils will also be able to use filter functions correctly to obtain specific samples. Some pupils by the end of the course will be able to mix samples from different genres with success.

## PSHE

The focus in PSHE this half term is 'Altogether Now'. We will specifically look at what a community is and how we can be part of one and help others. We will work as a class to come up with a community project to try and improve the area/help others and implement this. At the start of the year we will create a class charter and dip back into some growth mindset and how it can help us develop personally.



## History



The children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. They will look at how the Anglo Saxons influenced our lives today, where they came from, how they brought law and order to Britain and how they built different settlements to the Romans. They will also look at Sutton Hoo and learn about some of their kings.

## Spanish



Spanish will be taught by Junior Jam. Pupils will learn how to tell the time. They will learn to tell the hour using analogue clocks and minutes past the hour using digital clocks, as well as saying the parts of the day when using a 12-hour clock. Pupils will also revise numbers, days of the week and months. Pupils will use this information to ask and answer when their birthday is and what date today is. Pupils will start to apply times to talk about their school timetable asking and answering at what time they have different school subjects.