



St Matthew's

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Year 5 Curriculum Letter

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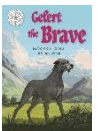
Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to keeping you informed about what is happening in class via the Curriculum Letters.

Key Information

Class teachers are Mrs Bryden, Miss Brennand and Mr Dickinson. The school day starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:15pm. Children are to use the entrances on Derby Square in a morning (gates open at 8:45 am) and will leave from the KS2 yard at home time. The only pupils to walk home alone are those who have been given consent by their parent/guardian. All other pupils will wait with staff under the shelter in the KS2 yard to be collected by a known adult.

English

This half term in English, we are focussing on British legends. We will be reading a selection of legends from Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland before focussing upon one legend. From this one legend, we will be using its structure and recreating our own legend using the features of this genre. During the writing process, we will look at blending action and dialogue in order to make the legend exciting and keep the reader engaged. In addition to this, we will be focusing on the use of ed openers to start our sentences. For example - Excited to be back at school, the Year 5 children dashed up the stairs ready to learn.



Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Please ensure your child reads at home and records it in their reading record.

Maths

Our focus to begin with is on Place Value. We will be covering the following objectives:

Read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman numerals.

Read, write, order, and compare numbers to at least 1000000 and determine the value of each digit.

Count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 1000000.

Interpret negative numbers in context, count forwards and backwards with positive and negative whole numbers including through zero.

Round any number up to 1000000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000

Solve number problems and practical problems that involve all of the above.

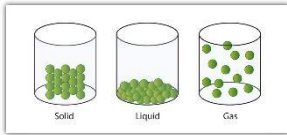
Our Year 5 maths target for this half term is to learn multiplication and division facts for the 9, 11 and 12 x tables.

R.E



We have started our unit exploring the Bible. We will be researching the books of the Bible and its importance to Christians today. The children will see and handle a wide variety of Bibles, talk to an adult about how and why they use/read the Bible, compare the teaching of the Bible and Christian behaviour, and will make connections between Bible passages and Christian values, attitudes, or beliefs.

Science



Over this half term, Year 5 will be learning about different types of materials and classifying them according to their properties. This will be building on Year 4 work on solids, liquids, and gases, considering whether the materials are conductors, insulators, magnetic and exploring types of materials. We look forwards to learning practically, through investigations and developing our scientific vocabulary.

Art



We will be exploring and recreating Viking art and identifying its key characteristics and features, using observations, photographs, and digital images. We will be exploring shading and using techniques such as stippling. We will be investigating ways of joining clay – scratch and slip and will evaluate our finished work. We look forward to sharing our masterpieces with you.

History – The Vikings

We will be finding out about the Vikings, the threat from the sea! We will build on prior knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons, which will lead us into exploring artefacts and gaining a greater understanding of how the Vikings invaded Britain. Please see attached Knowledge Organiser for more information.

PE



P.E. is on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. We begin with developing our multi-skills on a Tuesday with Junior Jam (PPA provider) and then will be continuing with gymnastics on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure PE kit is worn to school on both days, earrings removed, and any long hair tied back.

Computing

In computing, we will be working with Junior Jam (PPA Provider) to help build upon our computing skills we have developed in KS2. We will be studying the basic elements of the genre and develop their sampling and audio editing skills to create their own original Hip-Hop track. As well as using 'GarageBand', other Apps will be introduced so participants can add their own drum rhythms, loops and sampled sounds to their compositions.

PSHE



We have been discussing growth mind-set and will be completing activities linked to our community over the coming weeks. We will be discussing, developing ideas, and contributing to help our environment, such as recycling, reducing, and re-using.

Music

Within Year 5, the pupils will focus on how to write lyrics to existing music. The pupils will write lyrics to a piece of music 'The Lark Ascending' without knowing any information from the piece other than what it sounds like. The pupils will also learn different techniques to help write lyrics such as word boards and how to improve vocal melodies using dot notation. The pupils will learn what 'ternary form' is and why people compose/ write songs in this style.

Spanish

In Spanish this year, Junior Jam (PPA Provider) will be working with us to help build on our prior knowledge. We are beginning the year by learning about how we can discuss a wide range of hobbies. We will be able to talk about what they like or don't like to do in their free time using different opinion phrases.