

St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy



Year 6 CURRICULUM LETTER <u>Autumn 2 2024</u>

Staff:

Mrs Rossall and Mr Ward teach year 6 and are supported by Mrs Luisi and Mrs Wild.

Junior Jam teach on a Tuesday afternoon during PPA time.

Parents are welcome to contact us via Dojo in the first instance and also via the school office if needed.

Key information:

High School applications deadline 31/10/24.

Homework is set each week using LBQ and is tailored to each child.

6W's code: pu sr te wm

6R's code: he kg v3 vk

English

This half term we will be focussing on 'classical literature' texts. Our class novel will be The Wizard of Oz by L Frank Baum. Children will be immersed in the classic text, as well as being provided the opportunity to read, compare and contrast other texts. There will be a wide range of writing opportunities including creating our own chapters based on the novel, poetry writing and writing in the role of the characters. We will also continue to teach new grammar and punctuation skills, as well as embedding older skills.





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Maths

For this half term we are continuing to develop our knowledge of long multiplication and division. Then we will begin to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. This will include adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying fractions. We will then be making connections between fractions, decimal and percentages before we apply our learning to problems in context.

Religious Education

Our unit this term will focus on how Christians prepare for Christmas. We will explore the meaning of Advent and get a deeper understanding of why Christians celebrate at this time of the year. We will also look at examples of how people were prepared for the arrival of Jesus in the bible including the many prophecies which foretold his arrival.



Science

Our Science lessons this half term will focus on the concept of light. We will be exploring how light travels in straight lines including reflecting off surfaces and into our eyes. We will then learn how the light is interpreted and processed by the various parts which make up our eyes.

Geography

In Geography we are learning all about the continent of South America. We are beginning by learning about the countries and capital cities and then progressing to learn about the country of Brazil and compare it to the U.K. Finally we will learn about the importance and impact of the Amazon Basin and rainforest.



Personal, Social, Health Education

This half term we are starting to use a new program for our PSHE lessons called "My Happy Mind". Each child will receive their own journal and we are beginning by learning about how the brain works and how our decision making is altered by certain parts of the brain.





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Physical Education

This half term we will be developing our understanding and ability to play hockey. We will be learning the rules of the game, how to control the stick and the ball and develop our ability to work in teams to achieve success.

<u>DT</u>

In DT we are learning how to create steady hand games. These will require us to create a circuit inside a constructed shape. If correct, the circuit will buzz when we complete the circuit and make contact. They should be a lot of fun!



Junior Jam

This half term Junior Jam will be covering Computing and Music in both classes each Tuesday. 6W will also receive a Spanish lesson and 6R will receive a P.E lesson.

Reading

Please read with your child daily. It doesn't need to be the whole book, 5 to 10 minutes is sufficient. Please sign the reading diary, this lets the teacher know they have been heard at home. We encourage children to read and reread books to become fluent. Parents who support their child with reading at home make more accelerated progress at school. There will be a charge of £10.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.

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