

# St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy



# Year 6 CURRICULUM LETTER Spring 1 2025

#### Staff:

Year 6 teachers are: Mr Ward & Mrs Rossall; our Learning Support Assistants are Mrs Luisi, Mrs Wild and Mrs Ilyas. Junior Jam will cover the class during PPA time.

Parents can contact us in person, via office, via Class Dojo and also at our year six collection point at home time.

## Key information:

We are all looking forward to a positive half term with your child; we are especially looking forward to our two night residential at Hothersall Lodge. Here your child will experience outdoor adventure opportunities, such as climbing and canoeing as well as gaining independence, in preparation for secondary school. Children not attending must come to school everyday. They will complete an exciting, creative topic based on Macbeth.

Spellings are set on a Monday and tested on a Friday. Please log on to Dojo to see these and support your child. Homework is set on both an online platform – Learning By Questions (LBQ) and different activities sent home in a paper format.

Please ensure full school uniform is worn as we take pride in setting an example to our younger students. Physical Education (P.E.) kits need to be brought to school. We will wear them on our PE Days – Tuesdays and Thursdays. We require them in school for clubs, extra activities and, at times, emergencies.

Our Pupil Planners also contain key spellings, facts and knowledge to support your child. Please see these for extra information.



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### **English**

In English we will be learning about William Shakespeare, later focussing on Macbeth. We are starting by writing a hybrid nonfiction text about Shakepeare's life. During work on Macbeth, we will be considering if he was a hero or a villain, before writing an alternative ending.



#### Maths

In Maths this half term we are beginning with a unit focussing on ratio as well as the link to fractions. We will then move on to learning about Algebra and its many applications within all areas of Maths. Each Monday this half term we will be focussing on area, perimeter and volume problems.

## Religious Education

In our RE we are learning about the Eucharist and its meanings to Christians. We will explore the links to Judaism and the symbolism involved in different aspects of the service.

#### Science

In science, we will be learning about classifying animals and plants. For example classifying mammals, amphibians, birds and reptiles. We will also be pattern seeking, observing and classifying individual species.



## Geography

Biomes are the focus in Geography this half term. We are going to learn what they are, locate and plot them on maps and then learn about the dangers which they face and what can be done to protect many of the unique species of flora and fauna living within them.

# Personal, Social, Health Education

We are continuing to use My Happy Minds focusing on the Celebrate unit which helps children to celebrate their own characteristics such as kindness and creativity. We will also look at discrimination and the laws around using images online.





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## Physical Education

In PE we are learning how to be better gymnasts using lessons designed by Max Whitlock – a double gold medal winner! We will be exploring jumps, balances, travels and different rolls as well as developing our core strength and creating sequences.

## Art/DT

We are learning about Aztec Art in this unit. We will begin my studying and appraising the work of modern artist Dan Fenelon and then designing, making and evaluating 3d art based on Aztec images.



#### Junior Jam

6R will be enjoying Spanish, PE and music this half term with Junior Jam. 6W will be enjoying PE, music and computing this half term with Junior Jam.

#### **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.

Ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags, so we can listen to them read in class daily.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.

