

# St Matthew's C of E Primary Academy



# Year 6 CURRICULUM LETTER Spring 2 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:

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.

## **English**

In this half term we will be looking at detective/mystery stories. Our main text will be "The London Eye Mystery" by Siobhan Dowd. We will focus on what makes an effective mystery story by unpicking and then emulating these techniques. The concept of what a detective might look and act, how clues can be left and how red herrings are used to throw the reader off the real culprit.





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This will give us plenty of practice and writing suspense and linking our action, description and dialogue.

For the final part of the half term, we will be reading and writing some explanation texts. As non-fiction these will give us plenty of opportunities to solidify our presentation techniques such as headings, bullet points and chronological order. We can't wait to dive in!

#### Maths

We will begin this half term by looking at decimals. This will include adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will then look at the link between fractions, decimals and

percentages and make sure the recall of these are as quick as possible. Area, perimeter and volume will be the next unit we will cover before we finish for the Easter half term.

In preparation for the upcoming SATs in May the children will also face a variety of questions from all of their previous learning to both consolidate, and allow for more practice of, certain skills before their assessments in Summer 1.

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## Religious Education

During this half term, we will be exploring why Exodus was such a significant event in both Jewish and Christian history. We will explore what happened in this Biblical event and its meaning for Christians today.

- Why did God choose Moses?
- What is freedom? Why is freedom important?
- What does it mean to be free?
- Why is it important to remember?

# Personal, Social, Health Education

This half term we are continuing to use My Happy Minds and will be completing the Relate and Engage modules which will help us learn more about what we have in common with each other and then how we can set goals and persevere to make the most out of our education.



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## Physical Education

This half term we will be learning the skills and rules involved with tag rugby. We will learn how to pass the ball (backwards!) and how to correctly work with our team to score tries. We will develop our evasion skills to make sure we don't get caught and then put these skills into action for a few games!



#### Junior Jam

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