

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to another year at St Matthew Academy! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

Curriculum

Our exciting and engaging year 4 curriculum is taught through a topic based approach, allowing our children the opportunity to develop as successful, independent learners acquiring a wide range of skills and knowledge. Our topic for this term is the Romans, the children's learning will be extended and challenged as they have the chance to fully immerse themselves in the topic. We will be celebrating with a Roman day and will also be visiting the forest school to develop our investigation skills. Reading will be taught through the Reading rainbow while writing will be taught through the Writing rainbow.

Weekly Activities

PE – Tuesday

Children should come to school in their full St Matthew Academy PE kit, they will remain in their kit throughout the school day.

Due to the COVID 19 situation we will be unable to take the children to the library.

Homework

Homework will be set each Friday with the expectation that it is handed in the following Thursday. The purpose of homework is to provide the children with the opportunity to consolidate and extend the learning that has taken place that week in class. Each child will receive a comprehension, maths homework and spellings. We expect all children to read for at least 20 minutes each evening and practise their spellings and times tables.

Topic homework will be set once a half term with 6 weeks to complete, which they can present in a way of their choosing, allowing opportunities to pursue personal subjects of interest; science, art, music, drama, ICT.

Contact Details

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

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Our TA this year will be Mrs. Holding who is really looking forward to working with the year group.

Reading

I cannot reiterate how important it is for your child to read often. Statistics show that if a child reads 20 minutes per day compared to 1 minute per day, they will hear 1,800,000 words per year compared to 8000 words per year. This in turn shows that a child who reads 20 minutes a day will likely score better than 90% of their peers in standardised tests.

Please ensure your child reads **every evening** and this is marked in their homework diary which is checked daily. For a bonus achievement point, upload images of your child reading to our class SeeSaw or e-mail directly to me. We are always interested in any exciting activities your child is involved in so please send in any photos or certificates they might receive throughout the year.

Expectations

Because of the importance of not mixing bubbles, it is essential that you drop your child to school for **9:10am** and collected at **3:10pm**. Please ensure your child is dropped off/collected on time to avoid children mixing with other bubbles.

Children are expected to bring their reading diary to school every day, signed by their parent/carer to show they have read the previous evening.

Labelled water bottles must be brought into school every day as water fountains are out of use.



Humanities (History)

We will travel back to ancient Rome to explore the society, culture and history of the Romans. We will find out about the founding of ancient Rome, how society in the Roman Empire was structured, what daily life was like for the Romans, who the gladiators were and what the Romans believed

Science

Everything you need to know about sound! We will explore what sound is and how it is made, before giving the children the chance to investigate how sound travels, how it can be blocked, how different pitches can be attained, and much more!

RE

Children will learn about the bible and significant stories from the Old and New Testament

Children will learn about trust in God and learn about the mysteries of the faith.

English

Children will cover the following topics:

Narratives

Recounts

Newspaper reports

Publish children's writing in a book

Texts will include:

Escape from Pompeii

Roman myths and legends



Maths

Children will learn to:

Recognise the place value of each digit in a 3 digit number.

Solve number problems.

Use addition and subtraction to solve word problems including using money.

Read Roman numerals to 100 (I TO C).

Symmetry: Create roman mosaic tiles
Addition and subtraction within 10

Read write and interpret number sentences using +, - and = signs

Art/DT

Creating Roman mosaic tiles

Paintings for a Roman Myth

Music

Investigating sounds

Designing a musical instrument

PE

- Team Games
- Gymnastics

