

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new academic term at St Matthew Academy Primary Phase. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. As your child is now entering their final term of Year 6 there are some key messages we would like to share with you.

## Curriculum

This term, our topic is on World War two. We will be exploring lots of different sources of information, both primary and secondary to understand fully the events of the war and the roles that different individuals played within it. We will be researching how the local area was impacted by the war and exploring the area practically. At the end of the summer term, there will be a number of events to mark the end of the children's primary school journey. Please look out for more information about each of these events in due course. Although the national SATs examinations have been cancelled for this year, we will still be carrying out robust assessment to ensure that children go to Secondary school with an accurate assessment of their abilities.

**Important dates this half term:**  
**End of half term – 28.5.21**

## Homework

Homework will be set each Friday with the expectation that it is handed in the following Thursday morning. 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. It is essential that homework is completed as it will be marked in class collaboratively every Friday afternoon. Each child will receive a comprehension activity, maths homework and spellings on a weekly basis. We expect all children to read for at least 20 minutes each evening, practise their spellings and times tables. Children will also receive 2 pieces of RE homework during the half term and a topic based project which they can present in a way of their choosing, allowing opportunities to pursue personal subjects of interest; science, art, music, drama, ICT.

## Weekly activities

PE –Friday

Children will be expected to travel to school in their full PE kit for their PE days, they will remain in their kit throughout the school day.

## Expectations

Children to arrive by 8.50am in full school uniform ready to start their learning.

All children to bring in their homework diary and reading book each day. Please ensure that you check their homework diary and sign every Friday.

Mobile phones to be handed into the class teacher.

## Contact details

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

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## Humanities

Sequencing events on a timeline

Identify the differences between primary and secondary sources and drawing conclusions from different sources of evidence

Writing accounts of historical events that show an understanding of what happened and why

Reflecting on the impact of war on people

Check the accuracy and reliability of different accounts of events

Investigate the role of spies in World war two

## English

Writing narratives linked to World War two

Writing scientific write ups from experiments

Writing letters and considering formal and informal tone

Using persuasive language to write letters about an important cause

## Maths

Understand the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000,000

Solve problems involving numbers with up to three decimal places

Reason and solve problems with numbers that have up to three decimal places

Multiply and divide decimal numbers by integers

Convert fractions into decimals and fractions

Order and compare fractions, decimals and percentages



## RE

Understand the events of the ascension and reflect on how the disciples felt

Contrast the actions of the apostles with the actions of others at Pentecost

Know about the events in the life of Peter and how these stories can help us today

## Science

Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines

Know that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye

Understand why shadows have the same shape as the object that creates them

Understand how light travels to the eye

## Art/DT

Exploring art work based on World War two with a particular focus on Winston Churchill

## PE

Developing a healthy lifestyle by taking part in competitive sports e.g, Dodgeball and Athletics with a focus on the origins of the Olympics