

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of your children's first year at St Matthew Academy! Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

## Curriculum

For the first half term, the children will be learning through our topic- Traditional Tales/Paw and claws. Within this, we will be exploring the different types of animals and their features using traditional tales for a familiar point of reference. We will name and label the different parts of common animals. We will also be looking at life cycles and keeping butterflies and chicks to observe the lifecycles in real life. We hope to be able to use the Forest School for further learning in this subject once the necessary repairs have been completed.

## Weekly Activities

**PE** will continue for Bumblebees on Mondays and Ladybirds on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their **full St Matthew Academy PE kit**.

**Library** – due to the COVID-19 crisis, we will be unable to take the children to the library. However, there will be a good selection of books to choose from in our class reading area.

**After School Provision** – will be confirmed and further information will be provided closer to the time.

## Homework

Homework will be set every Friday with the expectation that it is returned on the following Wednesday. Homework will include a set of weekly spellings which will be tested the following Friday, one piece of reading and one piece of maths. We will also occasionally set a writing task. Please try to allow your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

Any comments regarding your children's participation in their homework will be appreciated.

Any photos of interesting animals they come across are also most welcome! It will be due on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

## Contact Details

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

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Our TAs this year will continue to be and Miss P and Miss Rozanne.

## Reading

We cannot reiterate how important it is for you to read to your and for your child to read to you. This will support our teaching of phonics and learning to read and give your child the opportunity to read for pleasure. All learning comes from reading, and for your child to access our rich curriculum it is a necessary skill. Please remember to sign and comment in your child's reading record.

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 **9:15am** and collected at **3:30pm**. 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.

## UTW

Using Forest school – when available, school grounds, local park. Identify and name a variety of common and wild animals. Identify and describe the stages of the life cycle of animals. Identify and name a variety of common animals. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. Know about seasonal change.

**Trips** – Summer 1 - Going to a farm

Summer 2 - Going on the Thames clipper, a return train ride to London, Bus ride to Lee Green fire station.

## RE

Learn about the creation of the world.

-Our responsibilities to care for God world.

- The story of Noah and God's promise

## PE

Throwing and catching a ball, travelling using different part of the body, dancing and movement.

## Communication language and literacy

Children will cover the following topics:

Writing sentences using capital letters and full stops based on the story

Texts will include:

Summer 1

Goldilocks, Jack and the beanstalk, The three little pigs, I want a pet.

Summer 2

The Naughty bus,

My Gumpy's car ride

The Train ride

Mr Gumpy's outing

Fireman Sam stories.

## Maths

Children will learn:

Count to 15 forwards/ backwards beginning with 0/1 or any given number.

Count read and write numbers to 15 in numbers.

Addition and subtraction within 10.

Identify and represent numbers using *objects and pictorial representations* incl number lines

Doubling and halving

Time

Solve one step problems using objects and pictorial representations

## EAD

Collage – using a variety of materials

Transient art – using loose parts to make pictures

Dramatic Play including 'Helicopter Stories'.