

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – September 2021



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

For the first 7 weeks of the Autumn Term, the children will be learning through our topic- London now and then. Within this, we will be exploring the school environment and in particular the forest school and so much more. In science, we will identify different types of plants and the different parts of each one. We will also name and label the different parts of common animals such as fish. We will link this closely with animals that we can find in our own school habitats such as our pond and forest school. We will be visiting the Forest School so if your child has their own wellies, please send them in.

Weekly Activities and upcoming dates

PE will be every Tuesday and Wednesday for Dragonfly class. Tuesday and Thursday for Bumblebees. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit.

Library – The library is open and we will be visiting there weekly.

After School Provision – Further information will be provided closer to the time.

9.9.21. 3:30-4:00 – Meet the teacher

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 writing and one piece of maths. Please try to allow your child to complete their homework as independently as possible. Please ensure learners read for a minimum of 10 minutes every evening. Topic homework will be set **once a half term** with 6 weeks to complete it in.

For this half term, your child's topic homework is to take some photos of themselves near to a London landmark and to bring in any old photos of London which family members have taken in the past. These will be taken with great care by being photocopied and being sent home the same day. It will be due on **Friday 8th October**.

Contact Details

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

For Bumblebee Class-Miss O'Neill.

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For Dragonfly Class -Miss Mercer.

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We are very lucky to be supported by Miss Rozanne, Miss Jenny and Miss Michelle.

Reading

We cannot reiterate how important it is for your child to read often through various forms of media. Both of us want to foster a love of reading in our classrooms and this comes from the children being encouraged to experience different genre and formats. By doing this and working collaboratively with yourselves, as careers, we hope to see a continuation of the accelerated progress they have made already.

Please ensure your child reads **every evening** and this is marked in their reading record book which is checked daily. We are always interested in any exciting activities your child may be a part of in the wider community so please send in any photos or certificates they might receive throughout the year.

Expectations

It is essential that you drop your child to school for **8:40am** and collected promptly at **3:20pm**. Please ensure arrive on time so they can benefit from the early morning learning.

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.

Humanities (Geography)

Identify natural and man-made features of London

Exploring the Landscape using maps and Google earth

Know that the River Thames runs through it and because it was important for trade it helped London as the capital of England.

Looking at London's landmarks of the 20th century.

English

Children will cover the following topics:

Labelling woodland animals/insects that we find at Forest School

Writing sentences using capital letters and full stops based on a story.

Writing instructions

Texts will include:

Ruby's worry

Paddington at the Palace

Where the wild things are

Maths

Children will learn:

Place Value [within 10] – count to 10 forwards/ backwards beginning with 0/1 or any given number

Count read and write numbers to 10 in numbers and words

Given a number identify 1 more and one less

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

Addition and subtraction within 10

Science

Identify everyday materials and their uses.

To be able to use descriptive language to explore the properties of materials.

To group materials based on their properties.

To understand some materials can float or sink.

To know what absorbent means.

Art

To create art pieces that explore line, pattern and shapes.

To know that primary colours can be mixed to make secondary colours.

To learn about Wassily Kandinsky's and Renata Bernal and they created Geometric Art.

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Learn about the creation of the world.

-Our responsibilities to care for God world.

- The story of Noah and God's promise

Music

To know what pulse and rhythm are.

To learn songs about friendship.

PE

Gymnastics



