

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 topic for this half term is Ancient Egypt and the children will learn to locate the ancient Egyptians in time and place and to learn all about their fascinating lives and culture.

In science the children will develop their understanding of how circuits work, the differences between mains and battery powered electricity, how to make a switch and which materials are conductors and insulators.

A key focus this year will be in reading and we will be embracing Book talk as a means to develop a deeper sense of understanding of a book as well as building greater fluency.

Weekly Activities

PE – Monday and Wednesday

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

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, grammar and maths homework. 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.

Important Dates

9.9.21. 3:30-4:00 – Meet the teacher

Half term: 25th - 30th October

Expectations

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

All children are to bring in their homework diary and reading book each day. Details of homework and activities in school will be recorded in the homework diary. Reading at home should be recorded in the reading record book. These should be checked and signed each week and will be monitored in school by the class teacher. If your child has to bring a mobile phone to school this should be handed to the class teacher in the morning. The children should bring a water bottle to school and may bring in a healthy snack for morning break.

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 Miss Pollydore who is really looking forward to working with the year group.



Humanities

We will

Travel back to ancient Egypt to explore the society, culture and history of the Egyptians.

Investigate the men and women who studied the kingdoms of Egypt.

Look at the Pharaohs and the development of the pyramids.

Look at the role the Nile had in allowing civilisation to flourish.

English

Children will cover the following units of work:

Narratives

Recounts

Reports

Texts will include:

Ancient Egypt Tales of Gods and Pharaohs.

Secrets of a Sun King

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).

Addition and subtraction within 100

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

Solve one step problems using objects and pictorial representations

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!



Art/DT

In art we will investigate tone and examine the works of Hockney, Rego, Bruehel and Hopper.

In DT we will investigate pavilions as structures.

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.

Music

In music we will be examining the genre of gospel singing.

PE

- Tennis
- Gymnastics
- Dance