

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## Curriculum

This year we are embedding our curriculum taught with a focus on subject specific expertise. The curriculum will allow our children the opportunity to develop as successful, independent learners acquiring a wide range of skills and knowledge. Their learning will be extended and challenged as they have the chance to fully immerse themselves in each subject discipline.

A key focus this year in year 6 is reading. We will ensure that our children can read fluently, comprehend a range of age appropriate texts and foster a love of reading.

**Important dates this half term:  
End of half term – 22.10.21.**

## Homework

Homework will be set each Friday with the expectation that it is handed in the following Thursday morning or completed online by that time. 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 – Wednesday

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

Using maps and atlases to locate Greece and its empire

Researching the legacy of ancient Greece in the modern world

Understanding the democracy of the Ancient Greeks

Evaluating sources of evidence for reliability and validity to draw conclusions about ancient Greece

## RE

Children will learn about the kingdom of God, what it is and why it is so important for Christians

Understand the importance of Christmas the Christmas story

## PSHCE

Understanding each other

Positive relationships

Anti-bullying

## Spanish

- Greetings
- Numbers
- Colours

## English

Children will cover the following topics:

Narratives

Non-chronological report

Newspaper report

### Texts will include:

Who let the gods out? By Maz Evans

Greek gods and heroes by Sylvie Baussier



## Science

### Animals including Humans

Understand the circulatory system and the function of each organ within it

Recognise factors that influence a healthy lifestyle

Investigate the mechanisms of the heart

## Maths

Children will learn to:

Compare and order any number

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

Round any number

Deal with negative integers in context

Add and subtract whole numbers

Solve addition and subtraction problems involving more than one step

Investigate patterns and relationships between factors, multiples and primes

## Art/DT

Identifying features of still life

Recording observations

Creating and evaluating still life

## PE

Understanding the rules of Handball

Developing techniques for passing and shooting in handball