

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Summer 2024



Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new Summer term at St Matthew Academy! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing Easter Holiday. We are looking forward to a wonderful last term with Butterfly class. Please find information about our topics and class expectations below.

Curriculum

For Summer Term, the children will be learning about Nelson Mandela and Floella Benjamin and their impact. During Geography, we will be learning about our local area and city and how we fit into the wider world. In Science, we will be looking at plants and living things and their habitats, where the children will be comparing life cycles. During Art, the children will be looking at work of the artist Jackie Trinder and using watercolours as well as a range of natural materials to create a collage, inspired by her pieces.

Weekly Activities and upcoming dates

PE: this will be every Tuesday for Butterfly Class. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit with the correct shoes. These should also be clearly labelled with their name and class along with other belongings.

Trips: Year 2 will be going on a local trip to see how the local area has changed over time. Details of this will be sent via evolve closer to the time.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday with the expectation that it is returned on the following Wednesday.

Please ensure that children are taking responsibility for their homework, ensuring they complete it at home and put it in their bags with their books, ready to hand in on the Wednesday.

In preparation for the upcoming SATs, please ensure that children are completing the homework set to gain additional practice of the skills they've been learning at school. The best way to help your child prepare is to practice spellings, arithmetic skills and to read every day.

Contact Details

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

For Butterfly class:

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We are very lucky to be supported by Ms Boileau and Miss Humphries.

Reading

We cannot reiterate how important it is for your child to read often through various forms of media. We all want to foster a love of reading in our classrooms and this comes from the children being encouraged to experience different genres and formats. By doing this and working collaboratively with yourselves, as carers, 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.

Expectations

It is essential that you drop your child to school for **8:40am** and collected promptly at **3:20pm**. Please ensure you 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

For the Summer Term, the children will be learning about the UK and our local area and comparing it to another country in a different continent. They will also be studying significant persons Floella Benjamin and Nelson Mandela to celebrate their impact on our society.

English

This term we will be focusing on the text 'The Promise'. The children will plan, write and edit a range of different text. We will perform and write poetry.

SPAG – learning and revising grammar used in writing

Writing for different purposes including poetry, non-fiction and real events

You could help your child with their English learning by:

- Reading with them regularly
- Practising spellings with them.
- Helping them to write sentences and short stories.
- Read and talk about stories they enjoy.

Maths

We have started this half term learning fractions. Over the next few weeks will be looking at, time, measuring length and capacity. We will also be learning how solve 2 step word problems and problems involving fractions.

You could help your child with their Maths learning by:

Practising addition and subtraction.

Learning by heart 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.

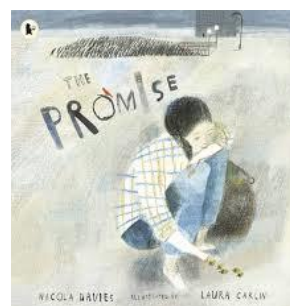
Science



In Science we are looking at Plants, followed by Living Things and their Habitats. Your child will be looking at the habitats and life cycles of those that live in the wild and those that can be found in our local environment.

Art

In art we will explore the work of a range of artists that focus on human life and drawing. These include Paul Klee, Andy Warhol and Pablo Picasso. We will be taking inspiration from their work to create our own self-portraits.



RE

As religious educationalists, we are developing our understanding of the Holy Spirit and why Jesus speaks to his disciples after the Resurrection.

Children will be reflecting what we know about the Resurrection and what we can learn from it. Children will be able to recognise religious stories, talk about their own feelings, experiences and the things that matter to them.

PE

During the term, children will be developing their field games skills through a variety of sports, starting with Cricket. They will then move on to athletics, in preparation for Sports Day!