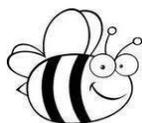


St Matthew's Church of England Primary School EYFS



Spring I - Newsletter



Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February 2026

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good Christmas holiday.

The Spring Term is always a really important time for the children's learning; they have settled into school life, and this is the term when they can really begin to use and extend the skills and knowledge that they have acquired so far.

Our theme for this half term is 'People Who Help Us'. We will be doing our best to arrange visits from local police officers and firefighters as part of our topic. We are always looking for any parents who may be willing to talk about their jobs to the children. Please let us know if you have a job that you think would interest the children and we will do our best to fit you in!

A brief overview of our curriculum for the next few weeks is given below:



Literacy (reading and writing)	Focus texts: 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson, 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson
Phonics	Continue to learn and revise single sounds. Start to learn digraphs and trigraphs eg. ch, sh, th, igh
Communication and Language	Key vocabulary relating to People Who Help Us, speaking and listening skills, similarities and differences.
Maths	Exploring in depth numbers 5-8, composition of numbers, pairs, doubles, combining two amounts, capacity and mass, length, height and time.
Understanding the World	Exploring the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Making comparisons between past and present. Exploring 'Winter', hibernation, freezing and melting, farm animals.
Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)	Dreams and Goals: perseverance, tackling challenges, setting goals, using encouraging words.
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring paint: brush skills, colour mixing and expressing emotions via paint. Exploring and creating with mixed media and materials. Singing and action songs. Role playing characters/occupations.
Physical Development	PE lessons – Wednesday, Bikes & Scooters – Wednesday (Bumblebees) & Thursday (Ladybirds).
RE	How can we help others when they need it?

Library

We will continue to visit the school library every week (Bumblebees on a Wednesday and Ladybirds on a Friday). Please return your child's book each week so that they can exchange it for a new one.

PE

Children will continue to have PE lessons on Wednesday mornings with Mr Andrews. Please ensure **all** jewellery is removed on this day, including earrings.

Uniform, hats, scarfs and gloves

Please name ALL uniform (including hats, gloves and scarves). It is incredibly difficult to ensure that misplaced items are returned if they do not have a name in them. Please be patient when anything goes missing, we will try our best to find it. Thank you for your understanding.

Zips, Buttons and Gloves

Please spend a little time each day encouraging your child to zip up their own coats and put on their own gloves. A great life-skill for them and a huge help for us! Thank you.

Please feel free to ask any questions or raise any concerns as and when they arise. We are usually free to talk at the end of each school day or can be contacted by Dojo. We will be attempting to sign all remaining parents and carers up to Dojo in the first few weeks of this term and are happy to help in any way we can.

