

Year 6

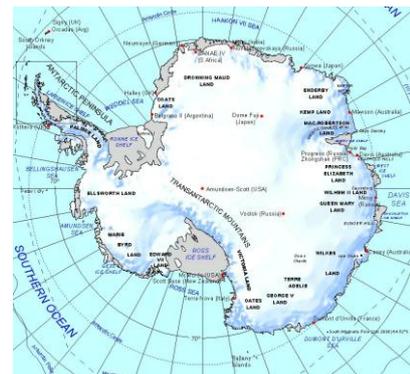
Autumn Half Term I
Curriculum newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and the children are ready for an exciting year. This newsletter contains all the information you need regarding the first autumn half term.

Our theme for this half term is Antarctica and Shackleton's Journey. We will be using this as a basis for lots of our learning. English and mathematics are taught throughout the school year during the morning. Other curriculum subjects are taught at specific times during the week. This half term we will be focusing on the following areas...

Geography	Antarctica
Science	Evolution and Inheritance
RE	Christianity – Faith
PE	Swimming, tag rugby and football
Art	Painting and Mixed Media
French	Language and culture
Music	Ukulele
Computing	Blogging
PSHE	Being Me in My World



Staff

6Q	6S
Miss Quinton (teacher) Mrs Allen (TA Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Thomas (TA Wednesday-Friday)	Mrs Snowden (teacher) Mrs Moye (TA Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Alexander (TA Wednesday-Friday) Mrs Bal (TA)

Important dates

- 08.09.25: 6S start swimming for 6 weeks (last session: Monday 13th October)
- 14.10.25: School Photographs
- 17.10.25: Interim Reports Sent Home
- 20.10.25: Parents' Evening Week
- 20.10.25: 6Q start swimming
- 23.10.25: Harvest Festival in Church at 2pm
- 24.10.25: PD Day (school closed)
- 27.10.25-31.10.25: Half Term Holiday
- 03.11.25: Back to School

Please look at Class Dojo, school newsletters, the school website and other letters for more dates.

Homework, Reading and Times Table Rock Stars

Homework is marked on Thursdays. The homework for this half term is reading comprehension. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo to see which pages we have set for each week. Please continue to read school reading books at home for around 30 minutes each day. We also expect each child to play 10-15 minutes of TT Rock Stars each evening.

Uniform

We expect children in Year 6 to set the highest of standards for the rest of the school to follow, including uniform: a blue shirt, school tie, grey trousers/shorts/skirts, school jumper and appropriate shoes. Earrings should be studs, long hair should be tied back with a simple hairband and make-up or nail-varnish is not permitted.

Swimming

From Monday 8th September to Monday 13th October 6S will swim. They should arrive in school promptly at 8.45 with a bag containing their hat, costume and towel, and they may wear appropriate PE kit on these days. No jewellery should be worn and any inhalers or epipens should be brought with them. As it is an important part of the curriculum, children are expected to join in with swimming every week. While 6S swim, 6Q should come to school in uniform (not PE kit). 6Q will start swimming on Monday 20th October and then continue for 5 more weeks after half term.

PE

This will take place outside on Fridays. Kit must include a plain white t-shirt and navy (or black) shorts, with a plain navy (or black) tracksuit in the colder months. No jewellery should be worn and footwear should be appropriate.

Being prepared

Children should have their water bottles and their reading books in school every day. We will provide the classes with pens, pencils etc. so please do not send in pencil cases. Space is limited in the corridor so please ensure that school bags are small. As part of growing up, we respectfully ask that the children use deodorant and they know how to take out/put in earrings for PE.

Be Safe. Be Seen.

As the evenings are becoming darker, knowing the safest (not necessarily the quickest) route home is very important, as is crossing the road at pedestrian crossings and wearing clothing that will allow you to be seen.

And finally...

As this is your child's last year at St Matthew's we feel that it is vital that we prepare them for high school, therefore we will encourage them to be more responsible for themselves and their belongings.

Thank you,

Miss Quinton & Mrs Snowden