

# St Matthew's Church of England Primary School EYFS



## Summer 1 - Newsletter

Monday 13 April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



Welcome back to the last term in Bumblebee and Ladybird classes.

### Curriculum

Our theme for the next few weeks will be 'The Sea'. We have lots of fun activities planned around the seaside, sea creatures and pirates and we will also be working hard to keep on track with our phonics and maths learning. A brief overview for the next few weeks is shown below.



<b>Literacy (reading and writing)</b>	Blending to read simple words and sentences. Segmenting to write simple words and sentences. Exploring a love of story books – recounting the story, discussing character, setting and plot, making predictions. Key Texts: 'Splash, Anna Hibiscus', 'Shark in the Park', 'Surprising Sharks', 'Clean Up'
<b>Phonics</b>	Learning and revising digraphs and trigraphs: ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or ure ow oi ear air
<b>Communication and Language</b>	Exploring key topic vocabulary. Speaking and listening skills - similarities and differences, questions and answers, rehearsing simple sentences.
<b>Maths</b>	To 20 and beyond: building numbers and counting numbers to 20 and beyond, adding, taking away, spatial reasoning.
<b>Understanding the World</b>	Exploring the Natural World - Sandcastle Science, Summer Senses, Exploring plants, Caring for our earth (sea pollution), Exploring the Ocean Habitat.  Exploring similarities and differences between cultural communities.  Looking at maps and comparing our home countries.
<b>Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)</b>	Relationships – family and friendships.
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	Exploring media and materials: painting, printing, colour mixing, exploring and refining different creative techniques to create works of art. Exploring famous artists.

<b>Physical Development</b>	PE lessons – Wednesday. Bikes & scooters – Wednesday (Bumblebees) & Thursday (Ladybirds). Ongoing physical play and fine motor activities.
<b>RE</b>	What makes every single person unique and precious?

### Uniform

Please name ALL uniform – including coats, cardigans and jumpers. This is the time of year when jumpers and cardigans are being taken on and off all the time and it is very difficult to return misplaced items if they are not named.

### Warmer Weather

As the weather warms up, please apply sunscreen on your child at home and send in a sun hat for the sunny days. No sunglasses please! Please continue to send a raincoat each day. Thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please send a named water bottle to school every day. Water bottles should be filled with water – no squash or fizzy drinks. Thank you.

### Snacks

The children are given fruit or vegetables as their daily snack at school. Please don't send additional snacks in bookbags.

### Colchester Zoo Trip

We will be taking the children to Colchester Zoo on Thursday 21 May, to inspire their learning about animals next half term. A separate trip letter with all the details will follow.

