



Year 6

Summer Half Term I Curriculum newsletter

Welcome back to the summer term, we hope you had a lovely Easter break. There is a lot going on in a short term, please take note of the dates below, especially in regard to SATs.

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...

Science	Classifying Big and Small
RE	Humanism - Happiness
PE	Gymnastics, Rounders and Athletics
Art	3D – Making Memories
French	Planning a French holiday
Music	Ukulele
Computing	Coding
PSHE	Relationships

Important dates

Thursday 30th April: Sports Day
Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May: SATs week
Friday 22nd May: Last day of Half Term
Monday 1st June: Return to school

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

SATs

Please continue to hear your children read, to help them practise their spellings and encourage them to play TT Rock Stars in the lead up to SATs – these small things can make all the difference to their confidence in the week itself. We strongly encourage the children to try to stay relaxed and calm in the next weeks – get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Year 6 team.

PSHE

We are continuing to teach Personal, Health, Social and Economic - Education (PSHE) every week from the Jigsaw PSHE scheme. From April 2021 the government made it compulsory for schools to teach: Relationships, Sex Education and Health Education. We are happy to say that at St Matthews we have already been teaching these subjects in our PSHE lessons for several years.

The Summer Term's units are called 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me' and will cover the following areas:

- Mental health
 - Identifying mental health worries and sources of support
 - Love and loss
 - Managing feelings
 - Power and control
 - Assertiveness
 - Technology safety
 - Take responsibility with technology use
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- Self-image
 - Body-image
 - Puberty and feelings
 - *Conception to birth*
 - Reflections about change
 - Physical attraction
 - Respect and consent
 - Boyfriends/girlfriends
 - Sexting
 - Transition

As a parent it is possible to withdraw your child from Sex Education lessons however, the Government have stated that Relationship and Health Education lessons are compulsory. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally. If you would like to view any of the lesson plans and materials relating to this term's learning please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Thank you,

Miss Quinton & Mrs Snowden