

Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2

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...

Subjects	
Science	Making Connections
PE	Collaboration, Communication and Tactics
RE	Sikhism - How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practice?
PSHE	Changing me
Music	Singing and recorders
DT	Simple Circuits and Switches (week beginning 01/06)
History	Ipswich Through the Ages including the church (week beginning 22/06)
Computing	Effective Searching (week beginning 06/07)
MFL	French and French culture



Reminders

- On Tuesdays and Thursdays, please come to school wearing your PE kit – PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, plain navy or black shorts/tracksuit and appropriate footwear. Earrings should not be worn on PE days.
- Please wear school shoes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Trainers are only for PE days.
- Please ensure that you bring a named water bottle to school every day.
- Thank you for all your support with learning at home.
- Homework will be posted on Class Dojo, to be handed in on Fridays.
- The children should be reading at home as often as possible. They will make the most progress if they read at home and at school.
- Playing on TT Rockstars at home is a great way for the children to improve their times tables, and they should be playing it each week.
- Please continue to practice your spellings. The test date is 10th July.

Dates

- 03.06.26 Multiplication Tables Check
- W/C 15.6.26 Arts Week
- 16.06.26 Clacton Music Performance
- W/C 6.7.26 End of year reports sent home
- 17.07.26 Last day of term

Multiplication Tables Check

This half term, pupils in Year 4 will take part in a multiplication tables check. The purpose of this is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. The test will take place in school on Wednesday 3rd June.

Important Information: PSHE - Changing Me

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:

- How a girl's and boy's body changes during puberty
- Menstruation
- Coping with physical and emotional changes during puberty
- Different types of family
- Anxiety and support during puberty
- Building positive, healthy relationships

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 for all of your support this year,

Mrs King and Miss South