

# Year 5 Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK

We hope you had a lovely break. We can't quite believe this is our last half term working with your children!

This newsletter contains all the information you need for the first half of the Summer Term.

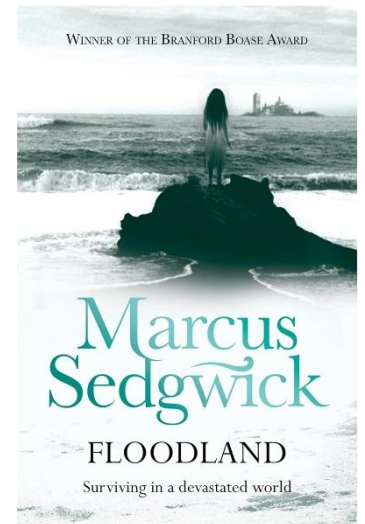
Thank you for all your support; we look forward to another amazing half term together!

*Miss Cooper, Mrs Furniss  
and Ms Bolton*

## CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

- **Topic:** Coasts and Rivers
- **Science:** Human Growth
- **RE:** Buddhism
- **Art:** Portraits
- **ICT:** Word Processing
- **Music:** Glockenspiels

Our Class read for this half term is *Floodlands* by Marcus Sedgwick.



## RSE

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.

This Summer Term's unit is called 'Changing Me' and will cover the following areas: My self-image and self-esteem, how girls' bodies change at puberty, how boys' bodies change at puberty, sexual intercourse and conception, becoming a teenager, moving to my next class, planning for next year.

Children will explore:

My feelings about change, how I feel about the changes happening to my body, ways to manage my questions, ideas and worries about puberty, how to cope with the changes that growing up brings, feeling positive about becoming a teenager, feeling ready for new responsibilities as I grow up, feeling positive about growing up, managing feelings about the future.

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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

01st June - 5FB Swimming

09th June - Class Photographs - all children in school uniform

15th June - 19th June - Arts Week

15th June - 19th June – Assessment Week

29th June - Celebration Assembly - invites to be sent

10th July - End of Year Reports go Home

13th July - Celebration Assembly for KS2 - Invites to be sent

17th July - Last Day of Term

03rd September 2026 - children return to school