

The curriculum at St-Matthew's



At St-Matthews we have adopted a broad and balanced, topic-based curriculum where different subjects are linked together under an 'umbrella' theme. Often these topics are centred on a historical era/event or the study of a country or place.

We believe that this approach adds relevance and interest; encouraging children to make connections and use knowledge and skills across different subject areas.

For example, our Year 5 class study the sinking of the 'Titanic'. They look at the historical aspects of its construction and sinking and then use this knowledge in **English** lessons to write diary entries in role as Titanic passengers. They also: look at the **Art** and **Music** of the Edwardian era; build Titanic dioramas in **DT**; cook some of the food served to passengers and look at freezing and melting (icebergs) as part of their **Science** work on changing materials.

We look for clear and logical links within the 'umbrella' topic and for this reason some subjects or areas are still taught discreetly (e.g. this is the case for the much of the maths and PE curriculum).

- [Click on the website links to see the topics and curriculum coverage for each class.](#)
- [Click on the 'Maths Curriculum' link to see further details of our Maths Curriculum.](#)

