

Spring 1 - 2025/2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and joyful break. As we begin this new term, the Matisse Class team are very much looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities ahead and to building on the fantastic progress the children made last term.

This term, the class will continue to be taught by myself, Mr Jeffries, Miss Maeder and Mr Akram, with Mrs Clarke providing invaluable support across MOMA Gallery. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Waldron to our team in Matisse; we know he will be a wonderful addition and look forward to you getting to know him.

In English, we will be exploring *Poetry*, with a particular focus on rhythm, imagery and performance. We will also be linking our learning to much-loved local authors such as J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis, exploring how their use of language brings their stories to life.

In Maths, our learning will cover Number and Place Value, Shape, Capacity, Weight and Length. As always, we will use practical, hands-on approaches, real-life examples and plenty of opportunities for the children to develop confidence and independence in applying their skills.

Our Science topic this term is Living Things and Their Habitats, where we will investigate different environments, classify animals, and explore what creatures need to survive and thrive.

In Computing, we will be focusing on E-Safety, helping pupils understand how to stay safe, think critically and behave responsibly online—an essential life skill in the digital age.

Our Topic lessons will link History and Design Technology as we study local history and landmarks, with a particular focus on Blenheim Palace. Using our landmark study as inspiration, the children will later design and create their own landmark models based on the Statue of Victory, combining creativity with thoughtful design.

In PSHE, our theme is Keeping Safe, where we will explore personal safety, online boundaries, and recognising safe and unsafe situations, supporting the children to feel confident, secure and informed.

As part of our enrichment curriculum, we will also be visiting Blenheim Palace on Wednesdays throughout the term. Please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for the weather, as we will be learning both indoors and outdoors.

We are excited for the learning journey ahead and cannot wait to see the children continue to grow in confidence, curiosity and resilience. As always, if you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mr Jeffries & the Matisse Class Team