



YEAR 3

St Michael's VA Junior School

The Year 3 team would like to welcome you and your child into the St. Michael's family. We are hugely proud of our school and cannot wait to show you what a wonderful place it is. The year will be packed full with exciting opportunities and this half term is an opportunity to help your child settle smoothly into life in their new school.

If you have any worries or concerns throughout the year which you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact the office to speak to your child's teacher.

Curriculum News

English:

Our English at the beginning of this term will be linked around trolls, writing poetry and stories linked to the Billy Goats Gruff. At St. Michael's, much of our work involves learning stories by heart and then changing elements to make whole new stories.



Read, Write, Inc.:

If your child finds sounding out words difficult and reading challenging, they will receive support every morning through Read, Write, Inc. This is a special programme of lessons designed to boost your child's reading skills.

Maths:

Learn and recall times tables (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8, 10s)
Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers mentally.
Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
Multiplication and division of 2/3 digit numbers.
Measuring with a range of units.
Understanding properties of 2D and 3D shape.
Using calculation skills in problem solving.



Other Subjects:

Science—Rocks and fossils
Art—Colours and symmetrical patterns
DT—Clay pots and jewellery making
RE— Christianity (Trinity) and Islam
French— Greetings
History—Stone Age Britain

PE and Swimming

Year 3 will have PE every Tuesday afternoon. They will need a PE kit of t-shirt and shorts (which can be purchased from the school office) and outdoor footwear.



One class will have swimming every Tuesday instead of PE. 3J (Mr Shailes' class) will start swimming on Tuesday 12th September for 9 weeks, then 3S, followed by 3J and finally 3HJ towards the end of the school year. Swimming kit should include labelled swimwear, a towel and a swimming hat. Hats can be purchased from the office for £1. Goggles may be worn.

Times Tables

We are going to put extra energy this year into times tables. We would like your child to be able to recall their 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s confidently.

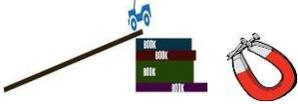
This will involve lots of practise and any practise which the children can do at home will be hugely beneficial.

Homework

Maths Whizz: Your child will soon be given a Maths Whizz password and username. This is an excellent online resource designed to help your child with their maths. Your child can use it at home and we would like each child to complete 60 minutes at home each week.

Reading at home: Your child will also soon receive a reading record and a reading book. We ask that you hear your child read at least three times a week. The children will be rewarded for their frequent reading with leaves on our beautiful reading tree.

Year Three Curriculum

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>PSHE: 'New beginnings' We set up our classroom and get to know each other and our new school. We also explore British rules and law.</p> <p>Art: Colour and pattern is studied and we use what we learn to produce symmetrical quilt squares.</p>  <p>RE: How do Muslims talk about God? Children will learn that Muslim beliefs about God are expressed in the Adhan.</p> <p>History: We study changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.</p>	<p>Science: We learn about rocks and fossils and link this to the Stone Age.</p>  <p>Art/DT: This compliments our Stone Age work and includes cave painting, clay pots, jewellery and building.</p>  <p>RE: What is the trinity? Children will learn about the key concept of incarnation.</p>	<p>Science: We explore forces and magnets and enjoy experimenting!</p>  <p>RE: If life is a journey, does it ever end? Why do some people go on a pilgrimage? This study includes discussion about mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.</p> <p>We visit Walsingham to learn more about Christianity and pilgrimage.</p> 	<p>Science: We learn about plants and what they need to grow and survive.</p>  <p>Science: We study the skeleton, muscles and keeping healthy.</p> 	<p>Geography: We discover more about the local area of Bowthorpe and its history.</p> <p>Art: As we explore Bowthorpe we photograph interesting objects and buildings from different perspectives.</p>  <p>PSHE: During SRE week we learn about families and friendships.</p> <p>RE: What is it like to follow God?</p> 	<p>DT: We create a nutritious snack to link back to our learning about keeping healthy in science.</p>  <p>We visit a farm to find out more about where our food comes from.</p> <p>History: In the summer term, all year groups will study an ancient civilisation. Year 3 will be learning about ANCIEN EGYPT.</p>
<p>Trips/Visitors: Gressenhall Stone Age Experience Norwich Cathedral to gain a greater insight into the Trinity.</p>		<p>Trips/Visitors: Walsingham to learn more about Christian pilgrimage.</p>		<p>Trips/Visitors: Farm visit focussing on field to fork processes.</p>	

<p>Enterprise Opportunity Eco Innovation: The children use natural resources and recyclable objects to design their own Stone Age style labour saving devices.</p>	<p>Enterprise Opportunity Personal Trainers: The children devise their own fitness programmes and use them to support a member of the school community to keep healthy.</p>	<p>Enterprise Opportunity Cookery podcast: The children create healthy snacks and use movie making software to create their own TV style cookery show.</p>
<p>Computing: We primarily use iPads for this area of the curriculum, which includes coding. PE and Games: All children in Year Three have the opportunity to go swimming. PE and games takes place weekly and children learn a variety of skills. Music: We follow the Music Express scheme of work. French: We begin with the basics in Year Three such as greetings, colours and school life. We compare life in France to our own. Homework: The expectation of all children is that they read at home, three times a week and access 60 minutes of Maths Whizz time each week. Half termly projects are also used to give children the opportunity to independently pursue their own line of enquiry.</p>		