



YEAR 6

St Michael's VA Junior School



Miss Easter, Mr Bennison, Mr Anstiss and Miss Taylor-Balls and the whole year six team are all pleased to welcome the children back after the Summer break. We are looking forward to the challenges of year six and have lots of exciting things planned.

The children have been reorganised into four classes instead of three. It has been a really positive start to the term. Children are arriving on time eager to learn in appropriate uniform and equipment. In class the children have been really settled and engaged in learning. Well done all of Year 6. Keep up the good work.

What are we learning this term?

Most of our work is focused around Britain in the 1900s and will include learning about the Victorians, WWI, WWII and the 1950s. In RE we will study Buddhism and Sikhism.

Our main aim in Year Six is to get the children reading and writing to the best of their ability, as well as improving their maths further. This is in preparation for high school. Children will be in sets for maths, reading and grammar. This will enable teaching to be closely targeted to your child's specific needs.



Homework

Maths: It is expected that each child will use Maths Whizz (www.whizz.com) for at least 60 minutes a week. We have seen huge improvements in maths from those children that regularly use it.

Reading: Your child should be reading regularly, at least four times a week. They will have a reading record, which staff will write in also.

Spelling: Children have fortnightly spelling lists to learn.

Projects: Your child has a project set every half term. Look out for the first one which links to our Magic Box poetry work in English.

Trips we already have planned ...

- Crucial Crew: Life skills and Safety (22nd September)
- Gressenhall: Evacuees living history day.
- There will be a residential trip in Year 6 further details will follow.



Games

We have Games on Friday afternoons. Please make sure that your child brings outdoor kit. This half term will be invasion games and dance.



Year Six Responsibilities

Some children will be 'working' this year in various roles. Opportunities include; organising the library, being a team captain, peer mediator, or member of eco council and school council. Please encourage your child to take on a responsibility.

Communicating together — Home-School

We feel it's really important to have effective communication between home and school. Please feel free at anytime to contact us by sending in a message via your child or contact the school office to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher or year leader, if you would like to discuss any issues about your child.

We also have Parent Consultation Evenings booked in for the 25th and 27th September and 4th October.

Furthermore, we have a Pastoral and Pupil Well Being Team (Mrs Francis and Mrs Murdoch) in Year 6, who will also be working closely with some of your children and may contact you to communicate anything that you may need to be aware of.