



YEAR 3

St Michael's VA Junior School

Happy New Year from the Year 3 team. After a very successful Autumn term, the Spring term gives the children an opportunity to consolidate the great start they have made to life at St. Michael's.

This term's curriculum lessons will be heavily based around science, looking at rocks & soils, helping things to grow and keeping healthy. Year 3 will also learn about pilgrimage. This RE unit of work will see the children visit Walsingham Shrine - a school trip which will be free to you and your child, with the cost covered by the school.

Curriculum

English:

Our English this half term will be linked to Aliens. The children will write poetry, information texts and newspaper articles around this topic.



During the next half term, the children will be writing about robots, based around the Iron Man.

Maths:

Learn and recall times tables (4s, 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s)
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 number calculation skills in problem solving.
Adding, subtracting, ordering fractions



Other Subjects:

Science—Rocks & Soils, Forces & Magnets, Plants
RE— Pilgrimage and Easter
French— Parts of the body and classroom commands
ICT— Computing with Espresso Coding
PSHE—Making Friends

Read Write Inc.

Some children across the year group continue to have Read Write Inc. lessons instead of English on a daily basis. Ask your child if they have Read, Write, Inc. If so, they need lots of support with their reading.

Please read with your child at home. They are learning the skills to read. Now they need lots of practise.

PE and Swimming

We shall continue to have PE on a Tuesday afternoon.



3S have two more swimming sessions on the 9th and 16th January. 3HJ will then swim every Tuesday, starting on 23rd January.



Times Tables

Your child practises their times tables on several occasions throughout the week. They then attempt something called Challenge 50. This involves them attempting 50 times tables questions in 10 minutes. Please ask your child how they are getting on with this.

There are three levels of difficulty: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Some children are even now attempting 50 questions in just 5 minutes!

Maths Whizz:

Please continue to encourage your child to use Maths Whizz at home. It is becoming very clear that children using Maths Whizz frequently at home are producing excellent levels of progress. In school, we aim to give children regular opportunities to use Maths Whizz. The more children can do at home, the better!