



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 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. 3M (Mr Munson's class) will start swimming on Tuesday 11th September for 8 weeks, then 3J, followed by 3C and finally 3S 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.