



YEAR 5

St Michael's VA Junior School

Mr Watkins, Mrs Wilkins, Miss Howett and Mr West and all of the Year 5 team are pleased to welcome Year 5 back to St. Michael's after the Summer Holidays. We are looking forward to continuing to help children to reach their full potential and to enjoy their learning. We will be encouraging them to become more independent this year and to have a positive attitude to their learning and life!

As always we will have a busy start to the year with trips to Claxton Manor Farm taking place on either Tuesday 25th or Thursday 27th September, depending on your child's class. A letter regarding this will follow.

Curriculum News

English:

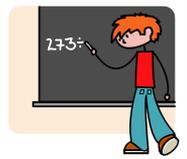
We continue to learn to become confident writers and to extend our vocabulary through learning whole poems and stories off by heart, using actions and pictures. We will be learning a poem about the sea, reading and studying 'Farm Boy' by Michael Morpergo and creating a seasonal cookbook. We will also be focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar during our English lessons. Each class will visit the library once a week. Reading enjoyment has been reported as making the biggest difference to a child's educational success. Please remember to sign your child's reading record when they read at home. Children should bring in their reading records **everyday**.



Maths:

The new curriculum has challenging expectations for children to achieve by the end of primary school so we will continue to help them to make as much progress as possible and to grow in confidence. All groups have regular assessments and we use these to help us find then fill the gaps in their learning.

Arithmetic is taught weekly and problem solving runs through all lessons. There is a greater focus on the understanding of fractions. We are keen for the children to know all their times tables. To help the children to recall their multiplication facts quickly they will take part in three 10 minute sessions per week.



Subjects:

DT - We will be learning about the seasonality of food.

Art - We will be learning about sketching and the use of watercolours.

Science - We will be learning about Space and gravity.

RE - We will explore the Christian faith.

Primary Languages - Children will continue to learn French.

Games - Invasion Games: netball, rugby, hockey and football.

Music - We will be following the 'Music Express' program of study.

ICT - We will be coding.



Homework:

The Project for this half term is focused on a study of Seasonality. A letter stating the task will follow shortly. We are always excited to see the hard work and effort the children put into these. (If your child has any concerns please ask them to speak to their teacher.)

Homework for Maths is online, on Maths Whizz (www.whizz.com) and we expect the children to complete at least 45 minutes per week. Some of this will be in school time. Maths Whizz certificates will be given out weekly. Homework club is at lunchtimes on Mondays and Fridays.

English homework involves reading and spellings (see reverse). We are following the Read Write Inc spelling programme across the school this year and there will be a spelling test every two weeks.

Games and PE



All of Year 5 have PE on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has a light blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts and trainers. When the weather begins to turn colder, please ensure that they also have jogging bottoms and a warm top.

Earrings must be removed for games and long hair must be tied up.

Uniform:

It has been wonderful to see all the children looking smart in their uniform. We strongly encourage the children to wear correct footwear. They can bring in trainers to change into at lunchtimes. If your child is unable to wear full school uniform on a particular day, please send a note into school with them to explain this.

Keeping in Touch

If you have had a change of address or telephone number please would you inform the office of this so that the school can get in touch. It is also useful as important information is often sent out as text messages.