



YEAR 5

St Michael's VA Junior School

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and the children are ready to continue to reach their full potential. This term we will be encouraging them to do this with a trip to the UEA in June to take part in 'Primary Inspire'. More on this exciting opportunity will follow closer to the time.

Curriculum News

English:

We will continue to become confident writers and to extend our vocabulary through learning and performing A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. This will involve some persuasive writing and debating within the classes.



We continue to develop the children's understanding of texts through carefully planned questioning during guided reading and through our whole class readers.

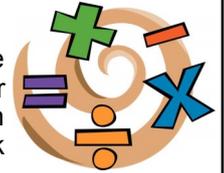
Subjects:

Geography - European countries and mountains.
Science - Properties of materials and changes of state.
Primary Languages - French.
Art Project - illustrations.
RE - What does it mean to belong to the Muslim community? How do people express faith?
PE - Cricket, rounders, tennis, Tri-Golf and athletics.



Maths:

All groups have regular assessments and we use these to help us find, then fill the gaps in their learning. The children are encouraged to push themselves and try the medium and high risk work when possible.



Arithmetic is taught weekly and problem solving runs through all lessons. There is a greater focus on the understanding of fractions whilst continuing to cover the four main number operations.

To help the children to recall their multiplication facts quickly, they will continue to take part in 'Challenge 99' and try to beat their previous scores or times. Certificates will be given out for completion of a challenge.

Homework:

Children should continue to work on Maths Whizz and aim to complete at least 60 minutes per week. Some of this will be in school time.

English homework involves reading and spellings. If your child is a fluent reader, please focus on discussing the meaning of the text, the characters and the language. A spelling list for the term has already been sent home.

Projects for this half term will be focused on our geography topic of mountains. A letter regarding this will follow in due course.

Games and PE

Year 5 have Games or PE on Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has a light blue t-shirt, navy blue shorts and trainers. On hot, sunny days a hat and sun cream is advisable. Earrings must be removed or taped and long hair needs to be tied up.



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. There is more information on the school website.