

St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 4 November 2018

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and that the children are ready, rested and excited as we are for the lead up to Christmas!

Topics for this term:

This term in **English** we will be reading 'Leon and the Place Between' by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be writing persuasive posters and adverts based on themes from the story. The children will then be writing their own stories which will involve a magician and an adventure to a new land.

In **Maths**, the children will be developing their understanding of multiplication and Division in Miss Paine's lessons. With Mrs Peachey the children will be learning about area and statistics.

Our **Topic** for this term is 'Amazing Places & Spaces!' This is a topic based on finding out about the UK, including mountains and rivers, land use, population and capital cities.

This term the children will be having **cookery** lessons. Over the term the children will be learning about what a balanced diet is, where foods come from and then a variety of techniques used when cooking eggs. The children will be cracking, whisking and boiling eggs. The unit will culminate with the children making quiches. **If anyone would like to help with these lessons please come and speak to Miss Paine. Your help will be gratefully received 😊**

In the following subjects we will be studying:

Computing – Word processing
RE – What religious festivals are celebrated?
Jigsaw – Celebrating difference
PE – Gymnastics and Swimming
French- My home
DT- Textiles

PE KIT

Please could the children have their **named** PE kits in school at all times. They should have both an indoor and outdoor kit and sensible trainers. The PE Kit should consist of white top and black shorts/trousers.

Swimming will continue this term, alternating between a Monday and Wednesday. The first swimming lesson of the term is **Wednesday 14th November**.

Homework:

Spellings will be sent home every week for your child to practise. There will be a times table focus each week. Please support your child in learning these and encourage them to use the TT Rockstars programme. Weekly, we are able to change the focus in TT Rockstars so that it matches what the children are practising in class. Please hear your child read at home as often as possible. Reading diaries will be collected in every Monday to ensure everyone is reading and books are being changed.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please come in and see me.

Miss Paine & Mrs Peachey

Useful Dates

16th Nov: Children in Need
20th Nov: Anti-bullying Day
30th Nov: 5pm-8pm Christmas Fayre
12th Dec: Pantomime
13th Dec: Junior Christmas Performance 2.30pm
14th Dec: Junior Christmas Performance 9.00am
18th Dec: TT Rock Stars Day
19th Dec: Christmas Lunch