



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Mrs Duncan's newsletter - January 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to get some rest. I like to thank you very much for your kind Christmas gifts - they were very much appreciated. It's going to be another busy term for year 6! The new term brings lots of exciting opportunities.

Topics for this term:

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on position and direction (posh title for coordinates and translations!) and fractions and decimal, as well as revising methods of division and multiplication. The children will continue to begin each lesson with short snappy arithmetic calculations. The children will have the opportunity to become more familiar with SATs style questions in preparation for the tests in May.

Following on from a great spy term, the focus for this in **English** will be looking at different sentence structures and how they can be manipulated using the Viking saga of Biorn as a basis. We will continue to teach reading comprehension skills using high quality texts. They are demanding and have challenging vocabulary.

Our topic this term is '*Battle for Britain*' - a history unit based around the Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle for the kingdom of England. The children will be focusing on the key questions: Who were the Vikings and where did they come from? Where did they invade, raid and why? How did the Anglo-Saxons resist the invasions? What laws were introduced?

SATs: 13th - 16th May 2018

SATs can often be a scary thought for children. However, over the next few months the children will be doing practice tests to help them feel more confident. To help you understand the changes to the SATs, a parents' information meeting has been planned for Tuesday 29th Jan at 3.30pm.

P.E:

Monday: Dance. Please ensure your child has shorts or leggings.

Wednesday: Games. Please ensure your child has warm clothes in their kit bag.

Homework:

There will be a big emphasis on times tables again this term. Please ensure that your child is completing their Timetables Rockstars home so that they have instant recall of all facts including division facts e.g. $63 \div 9 = 7$



Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home and they are recording in their reading record, Reading can be very relaxing and also help children extend their vocabulary.

Diary Dates:

29th Jan 3:30-4.00pm - Y6 SATs information evening
25th Jan Faith Day
11th Feb Money workshop

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please drop in to see me.

Mrs Duncan

