



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 5 Newsletter - November 2018

Welcome back!

It has been a very busy half term for year 5. The children have really impressed me with their hard work, determination and positive attitudes.

Topics for this term:

This term, our **English** topic will be based around the Anthony Horowitz's novel 'Stormbreaker'. To launch this topic, we will be having our very own spy day. Throughout this term, children will be working towards including all of the grammar they have learnt so far, especially focusing on using speech and ISPACE to vary how they begin their sentences. During our non-fiction topic of explanation texts, we will be designing our own spy gadgets and explaining in detail how these function.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: statistics and multiplication and division. In order to support their calculations, practising their timestables will be incredibly important this term.

In **Geography**, year 5 will be 'Exploring Eastern Europe'. The children will be finding out about the countries that make up Eastern Europe and make comparisons between different landscapes and cultures.

Forest schools

This term year 5 will be taking part in forest school on a **Wednesday afternoon**.

This will begin from the 14th November.

Please ensure your child has clothes they don't mind getting dirty, a warm coat and wellies (if possible). Also please include a

carrier bag to put the clothes in after our session.

P.E kit:

Due to forest school, the children will only have PE on a Friday (outdoors). Please could they have the appropriate kit in school on that day.

Homework:

Just a reminder that children should be completing their homework each week and this should be handed in (along with their reading journal) every Thursday.



Please ensure your child is reading regularly (at least 4 times per week) at home and they are recording in their reading record. Reading can be very relaxing and also help children extend their vocabulary.

Friday - Spelling & homework for the following week sent home.

Thursday - homework and reading journal due in. Timestable rockstars checked and updates.

Key dates:

6th Nov Spy Day

16th Nov Children in Need

20th Nov Anti bullying day

12th Dec Pantomime

13th Dec Junior Carol Concert 2.30pm

14th Dec Junior Carol Concert 9.30am

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

Mrs Waller