



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year Newsletter - November 2019

What a great start we had to the year last term. The children worked really hard and demonstrated an excellent commitment to their learning. It was a real pleasure to meet you all at parents' evening too.

Topics for this term:

Our overarching topic this term is the Amazonian Rainforest. Through this we will be learning about, the people who make the rainforests their home, the wildlife that inhabit the rainforest and challenges that now threaten Brazil's natural world and what we can do to help.

Our **English** will pick up this thread too. For the first half of the term, we will be looking at non-fiction writing, basing our work on two beautiful books: **The Land of Neverbelieve** and **The Wonder Garden**. For the second half of the term, we will be using two fiction books: **The Varmints** and **Rabbits**. These will help us to explore changes that threaten our natural world and will culminate in the children writing their own narrative about making a positive change. Our key areas of focus will be: selecting and using a wide and interesting vocabulary; creating cohesion between and within paragraphs; using subordinating conjunctions and developing a wider range of punctuation.

In **mathematics**, we will be dedicating the first few weeks to **fractions and percentages**. This will include: identifying equivalent fractions; comparing and ordering fractions; adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions; finding fractions of

amounts; recognizing the link between fractions and percentages and finding percentages of amounts. We will then be moving on to **geometry**. Throughout the term we will be developing our use of **bar modelling to unpick worded problems**.

P.E

Monday: We will be doing **Forest Skills** this term so please can your child have some suitable old clothes and shoes/ boots to wear as well as coats because we will go out irrespective of the weather.

Wednesday: Rugby. Please ensure your child has outdoor clothes in their kit bag that are suitable for games on the field - which at this time of year can be a little muddy.

Homework:

The children will continue to be set one Maths task and one English task each week, mostly from their books. The children are sent home with a spelling list on a Thursday. Can homework please be in by **Wednesday** (earlier is fine) so that I can get it marked and back to the children by Thursday.

Diary Dates:

- 15th November - Children in Need
- 1st December - Christingle Service
- 11th December - Panto trip
- 15th December - Carol Concert
- 18th December - Christmas Lunch
- 19th December - Junior Party
- 20th December - End of term

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to drop in and see me. Mr Williams

