



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 4 Newsletter - November 2019

Welcome back!

It is lovely to see the refreshed faces of the children. They are already impressing me with their hard work, determination and positive attitudes.

Topics for this term:

This term, our **English** topic will be based around the picture book by Angela McAllister 'Winter's child'. Throughout this term, children will be working towards including purposeful dialogue to move their stories forward and developing their use of subtle prepositional phrases. The children will be writing a sequel to the story and creating their own character and setting relating to spring.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: multiplication and division. In order to support their calculations, practising their timestables will be incredibly important this term. We will begin with multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100, developing our timestable rapid recall and beginning to carry out written methods for 3 digit numbers multiplied or divided by 1 digit.

In **Geography**, year 5 will be exploring 'Amazing Places & Spaces!' This is a topic based on finding out about the UK, including mountains and rivers, land use, population and capital cities. We will also be linking our **Art** learning to our topic and developing our drawing and painting skills through evaluating the work of famous British artists through time.

Our **computing** focus this term is 'word processing' where we will be developing our basic computing skills by formatting images, adapting text and page layout, using spell checking tools, creating hyperlinks and inserting and formatting tables in documents.

Jigsaw Our theme this term is 'Celebrating Difference'. This will provide talking opportunities as we learn about each other and different cultures.

P.E kit:

Children will be taking part in indoor PE every Wednesday (dance) and outdoor PE every Thursday (Hockey). The children will need appropriate kit for these lessons as the weather grows colder. Kits should consist of white t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms, a separate dark jumper and trainers.

Homework:

Children bring home their homework sheet every Friday. They are asked to practise the spellings from this sheet, read their reading book at least 4 times a week and practise their timestables on Times Table Rockstars for a minimum of 10 minutes, 4 times per week.



Children must record their reads in their reading journals. These will be collected and marked through every Thursday. Spelling tests will take place every Thursday and timestable tests every Friday.

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

Mrs Waller