



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 4 Newsletter - September 2020

It is lovely to welcome all the children back after such a long time. We are keen to get going with some exciting learning this term. We understand that the children will have had different experiences since the beginning of lockdown so please be assured that we will be revisiting some of the Year 3 curriculum. We will also be taking time to help the children settle in to our new school routines to ensure everyone feels safe and happy.

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will be writing diary entries. We will do this by using a narrative called 'The Black Dog'. We will be revising Year 3 spellings and grammar whilst practising our writing skills through good quality texts. We will need to reassess an appropriate level for your child's reading book. Please bear with us as this may take a week or two before we can send a book home. In the meantime your child will be able to choose a book from our class library to take home and read.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, addition and subtraction and beginning to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills. The children will be practising their multiplication tables daily and will be tested weekly (every Friday) as by the end of Year 4, the curriculum states that all children should know their times tables up to 12x12.

In **Geography** we will be asking 'Are Plastics Killing our Planet?' We will be learning what plastics are and where they can be found. We will also be investigating why there is such a big problem with plastics.

P.E kit:

The children have PE on Mondays and Fridays this term. Children will need to wear their school PE kits into school on these days. School PE kit is a white T-shirt, trainers, black shorts or joggers and a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework:

Homework in Year 4 will be set on a Friday. Multiplication tests (every Thursday) and spelling tests (every Friday) will be carried out each week. The new spellings will also be given out on a Friday.

Reading:

Most of your child's reading in school will be through whole class reading, so **it is really important to listen to your child read at home** as often as possible, aiming for around four times a week for 10 minutes. Reading records will be checked every Monday and your child can change their book on a Monday if required. Unfortunately we will only be able to change the books once a week at this time to allow us to quarantine books which have been home.

Many thanks,
Mrs Peachey and Mrs Burch