



St Michael's Church of England Primary School



Welcome back! The children are back and eager to learn. They have settled in well to their final year at Primary School. It is going to be a very busy but exciting year.

Here at St Michael's we are working hard to ensure that the transition back into school is supportive, calm and enjoyable for the children. Your child may feel anxious about returning to school or be worried about the work they have missed. To help the children return back to school, we are using Jigsaw lessons. Jigsaw is an integral part of our PHSE teaching at school and its aim is to prepare children for life, helping them really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.

Topics for this term:

This term, in **English**, the children will be reading *The last Alchemist* by Colin Thompson. We will be using this book to help inspire our own stories and writing persuasive letters.

Hopefully the children enjoyed reading their copy of *Holes* during the summer holiday and we will be studying this book after half term. The children will then be looking at character descriptions and story settings.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on: place value, multiplication and division and looking at their relationship with decimals and money. Why not test your child's mental maths skills while out shopping? Can they work out 20% off clothes? Or add up the items in the shopping basket?

In **Geography**, year 6 will be learning about protecting planet earth. The focus of the term

will be on habitats and how we can save endangered animals around the world.

P.E kit:

The children will have PE on a Thursday. Children will need to come into school in their PE kits. Please ensure the children come prepared for all weather! We will be trying to get outside as much as possible.

Homework: Thursday

Homework will be given on a **Thursday** and must be returned by the following **Thursday**. There will be a spelling focus for the week and children will be expected to learn the spellings.

There will be a big emphasis on times tables this term. Please ensure that your child is regularly having a go at timetable rockstars. These are key to every day maths.



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.

In addition to the above the children have been given homework workbooks for Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. They will be set one Maths task and one English task each week from these books. The children have been asked not to complete any pages other than those specified on the homework sheet.

Class page

I will be keeping the class page on the school website updated with the children's work and achievements. Check out the year 6 gallery.



★ **SATs: 10th – 13th May 2021** ★

★ SATs can often be a scary thought for children, especially if children are worried about topics they may have missed in year 5. However, with the Maths and English lessons planned over the school year and the practice tests to help children feel more confident, they will be ready for the challenge ahead. There will be a parents information evening planned for early 2021.

★ **Camp 21st – 25th June 2021**: Year 6 will be staying at Morfa Bay, Wales again year. Details about the camp will follow in the coming weeks.

★ **Other dates for the term (subject to change)**
9th Oct: Harvest festival

★ **Finally, if you have any questions or queries please do send me an email.**

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