



St Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Year 6 newsletter - January 2022



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to get some rest.

We'd like to thank you for your kind and generous Christmas gifts - they were very much appreciated. It's going to be another busy term for year 6! The new term brings lots of exciting opportunities.

In **Maths**, the children will be concentrating on fractions, decimals and percentages as well as revising methods of the addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. The children will continue to begin each lesson with short snappy arithmetic calculations. The children will have the opportunity to become more familiar with SATs style questions in preparation for the tests in May.

In **English**, we will be looking at writing diary entries and a new section to a story which will include dialogue. Firstly, we will be looking at civil rights in America which led up to the Greensboro sit-ins in 1960. Leading on from this we will reading - Freedom on the Menu by Carole Boston Weatherford. We will continue to teach reading comprehension skills using high quality texts. They are demanding and have challenging vocabulary.

Our history focus this term is Slavery. The children will be focusing on the key questions: What is a slave? What was the triangular Atlantic slave trade? What was life like for the enslaved people? When was the slave trade abolished in Britain? And finally, looking at who Edward Colston was

and why his statue was toppled in Bristol Harbour in 2020.

In **Science**, we will be practising our investigative skills through our topic "Light", where we will be looking at how light is reflected, can light change direction, what effect does a prism have, do we all see the same colours, and finally, what legacy did Issac Newton leave?

Our **Jigsaw** topic is 'Dreams and Goals' where we will be thinking about our dreams, setting realistic goals and how to cope when our dreams don't turn out how we want them to or we don't quite achieve our goals.

P.E:

The children have P.E on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term. Children 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.

SATs: 9th -12th May 2022

SATs can often be a scary thought for children. However, over the next few months the children will be doing practice tests to help them feel more confident.

Homework:

Just a reminder that children should be completing their homework each week. It is given out on Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday.





★ There will be a big emphasis on times tables again this term. Please ensure that your child is completing their Timetables Rockstars home so that they have instant recall of all facts including division facts e.g. $63 \div 9 = 7$



★ 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.

★ Finally, if you have any questions or queries contact us via email.

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★ Many thanks for your continued support.

★ **Mrs Wright and Miss Hawker**

