

Curriculum Overview Year 6 Autumn Term 2018

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>We will be studying a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts including letter writing, atmospheric writing and character descriptions. We will consolidate and extend our knowledge of grammar and spelling. Speaking and listening skills will be developed through the texts used. Children's reading will be heard on a regular basis. Children will be expected to read every day at home. Spellings will be given and tested on a weekly basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Numeracy work will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, understanding the number system, solving problems, measurement, shape and space, and data handling. Tables will be tested weekly and maths homework will be given. Lessons include a mental oral element to encourage: rapid response, thorough knowledge of facts and flexible thinking. During the week children will improve their skills in arithmetic sessions.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>During the term we will be looking at: 'We're All Stars' and 'Be Friendly, Be Wise.' We will develop an understanding of our rights and responsibilities and identify personal gifts and talents. We will learn how to work cooperatively with others and use a range of communication skills to do this successfully. We will learn more about understanding friendships and strategies to prevent bullying and resolve conflicts effectively.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>In PE the following areas will be covered: gymnastics, dance, invasion games and outdoor adventure activities. Through these, the children will develop and extend their practical skills, knowledge and understanding and team work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>RE this term will enable the children to explore the religions of Christianity and Judaism, while asking and responding to key questions about their own and others' beliefs. A key feature in this unit is the learning about what Christians think about suffering.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IPC</u></p> <p>IPC is our topic based approach to the foundation subjects.</p> <p>We are beginning with 'Space Explorers', this unit gives the children a chance to learn more about space and astronomy. They will find out about nebulae and how they can capture their shape, colour and patterns in art, find out about the technology that is being used to explore Mars, find out about the International Space Station (ISS) and find out about what people used to think about the Earth, Sun and Moon in the past.</p> <p>Then we will explore 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave'. They will find out about the Greek city states or Athens and Sparta, learn about the role of the Greek chorus and their own Greek or Roman styled piece of art and find out about the effects of invasion on countries around the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MFL</u></p> <p>We will be focusing on learning the French language and exploring French culture.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art & Design</u></p> <p>Art will focus on pencil skills: shade and line and pattern work. This will improve mastery of techniques such as drawing. They will use sketch books to record, collect and review their ideas.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Throughout the term the children are going to be app planners, project managers and market researchers. They will be developing an idea for a product and marketing this through creating a website and a plan.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>In music we are going to develop an understanding of the history of music including great musicians and composers.</p>		



St Michael's C of E Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term at St. Michael's in Year Six.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Six this year, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Mrs Bodenham, Mrs Smith and Mrs Whittle will be supporting Year Six classes this year. Please do come in and speak to us if there are any questions or issues that you feel need addressing.

As you are aware, this academic year will be the children's final year at primary school. All secondary school applications must be completed online by October 31st 2018.

Year 6 testing will be in the week beginning 13th May 2019; we ask that you do not take any holiday or book appointments during this week.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the expectations that we have in Year Six.

- ❖ The school day begins at 9 am promptly. Year 6 classes are open from 8.30am to allow the children to settle before lessons start and to practice their recall of multiplication facts.
- ❖ Please encourage the use of the 'home and school diary'. The children *must* record their daily reading in the home school diary. We will be monitoring this daily at school; your support will be very much appreciated. Please could you sign at the end of each week to show you have seen this diary.
- ❖ Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. Children can change into PE shoes/trainers for playtimes only. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. All children with long hair *must tie it back* and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming unpredictable please ensure your child has a raincoat in school.
- ❖ PE lessons are on: Tuesday and Wednesday.

Named PE kit in a bag is required on these days.

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
- A jumper that is used only for PE.
- Trainers or plimsolls

(A dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

- ❖ Homework will be given out every Thursday and collected in on a Tuesday. The homework that is set each week is for SAT revision and does not necessarily follow what has been taught in class that week. Therefore, please let us know if there are any problems, preferably before the day the homework is due in. If your child is experiencing any difficulty with their homework, there is always support offered at homework club, which runs on a Thursday after school, from 3:15-4:15. Please see the clubs list for further information.

- ❖ Spellings will be tested on a Thursday. A pass mark will be set and if children do not achieve this, they will be required to learn these spellings for a re-test later in the week. They will be available on the school website to practise at home.
- ❖ Children are not allowed mobile phones in school. However, if they need a phone because they are walking home alone, a permission letter is needed. A member of staff will then look after the phone during the school day.
- ❖ If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet. Only children with Bikability can cycle to school without adult supervision.
- ❖ We can only administer prescribed medication to your child. The medicine must have an accompanying white medicine slip from the office.

Internet/Computer safety is important to all of us. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> or <http://ceop.police.uk/>

We would appreciate any adult help in the afternoons, if you are available and can spare an hour or two to listen to readers, please come in and see us.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to us.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Alice Blackmore, Miss Hannah Bray, Mr Tim Horton