



January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term at school! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that this term will prove to be an enjoyable one for our Year Threes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during their first term in Year 3, especially during Covid-hit December!

As I am sure you are already aware, we welcome Mrs Blackmore into the Year Three team. She will be teaching Willow Class between Wednesday and Friday.

Please find attached an overview of the topics we will be covering in Year Three this year, as well as a copy of the Year Three timetable.

Mrs Miles and Mrs Terlikowski will be supporting Year Three classes this term. Mr Morgan and Mrs Twiggs will provide PPA cover for teaching. This will take place on Thursday now instead of Friday.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the expectations that we have at St Michael's.

- Reading: The children *must* record their reading in the home school diary and will be expected to read at least four times per week. We will be checking reading every day, to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. Your support with this would be very much appreciated.
- Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. 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. Whilst we may be moving into the warmer months please can you ensure that your child has a light weight coat as we will continue to go outside at break and lunch times even at times when it is raining. As Health and Safety is so prominent, 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.
- PE lessons are on **Wednesday and Thursday for Willow** and **Thursday and Friday for Poplar**. Due to Covid 19 school guidance, the children must come to school in their PE kit on these days.

A reminder of the PE kit expectations:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain dark shorts or dark tracksuit/joggers for colder months
- A jumper that is used only for PE

- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks

- Homework: Children can expect to receive more homework from Spring Term onwards. This will include Times Table practice for their weekly test. This will be given when we have covered multiplication in our current Maths unit. Whilst multiplication facts will be practiced during the school week we also encourage the children to continue to practice their facts through the use of the times tables Rockstars website at home (www.ttrockstars.co.uk). The children's login details have been written in their home school diaries.
- If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure that they are wearing a helmet. Only children with the Bikeability Award can cycle to school without adult supervision.
- We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. Prescribed medicines must have an accompanying white medicine slip, which can be collected from the school 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/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions or issues that you would like to discuss, by phoning the school office or sending a note in with your child to hand to their class teacher and a member of the Year Three team will get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Arrowsmith , Mrs Blackmore, Mrs Wilson and all of the Year Three Team