



January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Four this term, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Staffing:

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Murrell will be continuing to support the Year Four classes. Mr Arrowsmith and Mrs Twiggs will provide PPA cover for teaching.

Uniforms:

It is lovely to see all the children continue to look smart in their school uniform. **Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes, coats, PE kits and plimsolls, are named.** Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour.

On the days the children have PE, we are now asking that the children continue to come in dressed in their PE kit. This helps to minimise the number of things the children have to bring in to school. **PE will be on a Wednesday and a Friday for Year Four.**

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
 - A jumper - this can be their school jumper or a plain black or navy sweatshirt with no logos if preferred
 - Trainers or plimsolls
- (A plain dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

Reading

All children will continue to bring back a library book of choice and a reading or AR book to read at home. The AR book also needs to come to school every day as there will be times when the children have a reading session. In Year Four we reward children for frequent reading at home as we feel this is particularly important for their progress.

Homework:

This will be handed out on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday. In Year 4 children are given spellings and multiplication tables to learn every week. They will also be given an English homework book and will be asked to complete activities, linked to their learning in class. Maths homework this year will be set through the website www.mymaths.com. The main Maths and English homework activity will be set on alternate weeks starting with the online Maths activity on the first week.

Whilst multiplication facts (times tables) will be practiced during the school week we also encourage the children to continue to practice their facts using the Times Tables Rockstars website at home (www.ttrockstars.co.uk). The children's login details have been written in their home school diaries.

Medication:

We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

Communication:

We will continue to use the home school diaries provided in September. These diaries will be looked at once a week on a Thursday so should you have a message you need us to be aware of during the week you will need to either send a message via email (email addresses listed below) or send your child in with a note for your teacher's attention. Alternatively, you can contact the school office by phone or by email at admin@stmichaels.education who will then pass the message on to a member of the Year 4 team. Please can you make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school office.

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We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support with all the changes we are having to make.

Mrs Amey, Mrs Wilson and Team Year Four