

Welcome to Year 5

The Year 5 team would like to extend a warm welcome to all our children and families as we begin another exciting school year. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year.

The adults working with Year 5 throughout the week are:

- **Mr Parsons** - Class Teacher
- **Mrs Milanovic** - Class Teacher (Wednesdays)
- **Mrs Nurton** - Teaching Assistant
- **Mrs Lyne** - Teaching Assistant
- **Mrs McComish** - PPA Cover Teacher (Tuesday afternoons)

We hope this booklet provides you with useful information about what to expect during the year ahead, including our curriculum, routines and expectations. If you require any further information, as always, please come and chat to the class teacher after school or send an email via the school office secretary@st-michaels-school.org

English

Throughout Year 5, the children will develop their writing skills by producing high-quality work across a wide range of genres and for different audiences and purposes. They will write non-chronological reports, formal and informal letters, autobiographies, diary entries, balanced arguments, narratives and poetry. As part of this, they will study high-quality texts from a range of authors, genres and cultures to inspire and develop their own writing. Wherever possible, writing will be linked to our wider curriculum to provide meaningful and engaging contexts.

Alongside this, children will take part in daily lessons focusing on grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting to ensure they continue to develop accuracy, fluency and confidence in their writing.

Reading is a key priority in Year 5. Children will participate in daily guided reading lessons, where they will develop their comprehension, vocabulary and inference skills through the study of a range of high-quality texts. We aim to hear every child read regularly in school and encourage children to read at home every day, even if only for 10-15 minutes. Please record each time your child reads with an adult in their reading journal, as these will be checked every Monday.

Maths

Throughout Year 5, children will build on their mathematical knowledge and develop confidence, fluency and reasoning skills across all areas of the curriculum. They will study a wide range of topics, including place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area, statistics, geometry (shape, position and direction), negative numbers, converting units and volume.

A secure knowledge of multiplication tables remains essential in Year 5, as it underpins many areas of mathematics. We encourage children to continue practising their times tables regularly so that they can recall facts quickly and apply them confidently when solving increasingly complex problems.

As well as developing fluency, children will be encouraged to explain their mathematical thinking, reason logically and solve a variety of real-life problems. Wherever possible, mathematics will be linked to other areas of the curriculum, particularly science, helping children to apply their learning in meaningful contexts.

We teach a range of progressive calculation strategies to support children as they move towards efficient and independent methods. Further information about our approaches to teaching mathematics can be found on the school's Maths Hub section of the school website.

Physical Education

PE will take place on a **Tuesday PM** and **Friday PM**. Children should come into school in their PE kit on these days. No earrings or watches are allowed. Children need to have a blue PE shirt, blue shorts and/or jogging bottoms, a warm jacket, trainers and socks.

Homework

Alternating Maths and English homework will be sent home every week on a Monday and then marked the following Monday. Please remind your child to bring in their Homework book every Monday so new English or Maths sheets can be stuck in!

Outdoor Education

Outdoor learning is an important part of the Year 5 curriculum. Throughout the year, we will visit Ambarrow Court woodland area at least once each term to enrich and enhance the children's learning.

These sessions will be carefully planned and linked to different areas of the curriculum, allowing children to apply their knowledge in a practical, engaging environment. Alongside teacher-led activities, children will have opportunities to explore, investigate, solve problems and use their imagination, helping to develop their confidence, resilience and teamwork while fostering a greater appreciation of the natural world.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education

PSHE plays a vital role in supporting children's personal development and wellbeing. Throughout Year 5, children will explore a range of topics that help them understand themselves, build positive relationships and become responsible, respectful members of the school and wider community.

Through regular PSHE lessons and class discussions, children will develop the knowledge and skills to build and maintain healthy friendships, recognise and manage their emotions, resolve conflicts respectfully and make safe, informed choices. They will also explore a

range of age-appropriate topical issues, learning how to express their thoughts and feelings with confidence, empathy and respect, both within school and beyond.

'Wonderful We Wills' and Class Rewards

At the beginning of the school year, the children work together to establish the expectations and responsibilities that will help create a positive, respectful and inclusive learning environment. These shared agreements form our 'Wonderful We Wills' class charter, which is displayed in the classroom and signed by every child as a commitment to our classroom community.

Positive behaviour, effort and achievement are recognised and celebrated throughout the year. Children can earn House Points and be nominated for the Headteacher's Award by consistently demonstrating our school values of Courage, Compassion, Creativity and Community. We believe that recognising these qualities encourages children to take pride in their learning, support others and strive to be the very best version of themselves.

Appointments

St Michael's is proud to have an open-door policy to parents and if you need to speak to your class teacher, please contact the school office by telephone 01252 873360 or email secretary@st-michaels-school.org and an appointment will be made you as soon as possible.

School Website

Each class will have a page on the school website which will be updated regularly. This will contain information about important dates, trips, homework, curriculum information, as well as class photos and recordings. Links to support your child's learning can also be found on the class page. [St Michael's Church of England Primary School - Year 5](#)