

Welcome to Year 4!

The Year 4 team are delighted to welcome you all to this new academic year. Your child's class teacher will be Mr Parsons, supported by Mrs Nurton, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Lyne. Mrs Milanovic will be teaching the class all day Wednesday and Mrs McComish will do PPA cover on Tuesday PM.

We have set out below some helpful information about what you and your child can expect over the course of this school year. 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

We already know that our Year 4 children are creative and confident writers, and their writing will be developed further this year to extend their grammatical and composition skills. This term, the children will be planning, writing and evaluating stories in familiar settings, diary entries, spooky stories and non-chronological reports, before moving on to short stories from other cultures, information leaflets, adventure stories and informal letters. The children will also be writing fantasy stories, recounts and biographies. Our grammar focus will include expanding noun-phrases and adverbial phrases, using fronted adverbials, and ensuring sentence cohesion with determiners and pronouns. This will ensure that by the summer, the children are confident with spelling, punctuation and grammar and will be comfortable with their transition to the literacy challenges of upper Key Stage 2.

Year 4 is a book-crazy classroom! We love, value and reward reading. We will be visiting the library once a week to pick new books. We also have a well-stocked class book corner, where children are welcome to borrow additional books. Children will read every day in school, and will benefit from in-depth guided reading sessions of our class text. Please continue to hear your child read every day and to update their reading record, which will be checked by Mr Parsons every Monday.

Maths

This year children will work on improving their competency with the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). We begin our school year looking at place value, ordering numbers up to 100,000, working with currency, and Roman numerals. We then move onto developing our knowledge of shape and symmetry, measurement and time, fractions, decimals and data handling. We will have lots of opportunities to make maths practical and interactive this year, including use of the laptops and iPads, incorporating maths challenges into our woods walks and solving problems through maths stories.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

It is vital that children have a firm grasp of times tables to 12 to ensure readiness for their times tables assessments at the end of the year. Progress in nearly all areas of maths is accelerated by a working knowledge of the times-tables. All children in year 4 will take the national MTC in June 2025. This consists of an online test where pupils are asked 25 randomly generated questions with a 6 second window for answering. Times tables preparation and revision will be a focus in Year 4, but the emphasis will be on our children enjoying the process, with a comprehensive programme of times-tables challenges to encourage excellence in this area. The following website is highly recommended for supporting your child with the test:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

PSHE

PSHE has never been more important, and this term we will be exploring how the children can explore the dynamics of their day-to-day relationships. We will be engaging in regular class sessions where we discuss important topical issues such as managing our friendships and how we can express our feelings safely in school and on a wider scale.

P.E

Our P.E lessons will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Children will also have swimming lessons later on in the year and details will be sent to parents in due course. Children must come into school on P.E days wearing their correct, named P.E kit. Earrings and watches must be removed for P.E lessons.

Outdoor Education

In Year 4, we will be visiting the woods at least once per half-term. Our visits will be linked to curriculum subjects with teacher-led outside learning and children are also encouraged to use their imaginations and explore the environment. Our Local History topic on Sandhurst will take us into the local community where we will be visiting places of interest to complement our learning journey.

Home Learning

Children will be issued alternating English and Maths homework on a Monday, which will then be marked the following Monday. It is extremely important that homework is completed and brought into school by the deadline. In addition, it is important that children read every day and practice their times tables.

'Wonderful We Wills' and Class Rewards

Each academic year starts with the class discussing their responsibilities and the learning environment they want to create. These form the basis of our 'Wonderful We Wills' which is displayed in class as a charter, signed by each child. Children will be awarded house points and the Head Teacher's award for demonstrating the school values of 'Courage', 'Compassion', 'Creativity' and 'Community'.

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 or email and an appointment will be made to accommodate 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.

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