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Learn.

# ST. MICHAEL'S CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after half-term. We hope you had a lovely break! We wanted to let you know about topic changes this half term and to give a few notices and prompts.

## **What to Bring to School Each Day**

All children should come to school in school uniform and with a school bag. Pupils should pack a drink bottle (containing water only) and their reading folder, containing their reading book and diaries, every day. Please make sure all personal items and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Reminder: Jewellery (apart from a single stud earring in each ear) should not be worn, although we would encourage the children to wear a wrist watch, as this helps with the teaching of time.

[Unfortunately, not all of the children are able to take their earrings out for themselves still. As staff are not allowed to do this for them, there are a few children who have missed some PE sessions so please ensure their earrings are removed on PE days.](#)

Hair must be tied back at all times and any hair accessories need to be school colours (blue/white).

## **Physical Education**

Our PE days are as follows:

- Monday Afternoon - Outdoor PE
- Wednesday Afternoon - Indoor PE

## **Topics**

We would be grateful if you could continue to support your child's learning by discussing with them what they have learnt in school and if you have any resources linked to our topic that you wish to share, we would appreciate seeing these in school. These are the only items that should be brought into school to 'show and tell'.

Our next topic is "European Adventure" where will be using atlases to locate the different continents and the different countries in Europe. We will then be comparing London to Paris and thinking about the physical and human features of each.

In science, the children will be learning all about light and shadows and how the two are produced. In RE, we will be studying the Hindu Creation story and Christmas story. In computing, the children will be finishing off their coding topic. The children will be continuing to learn the glockenspiel on a Tuesday and ask for these to be in school on this day.

## **Home Learning**

As a school, we believe that family time is extremely important and that onerous amounts of homework impact negatively upon this time. However, we do recognize the importance of regular reading, spelling and times table practice.

We'd like to say a great big **thank you** to those of you who have done this at home - the impact on your child's home learning can be seen in school.



**Reading** – Daily reading with your child is vital for them to make the expected level of progress, both with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Reading diaries should be completed each time you read with your child and should be sent into school daily. Your child will receive a team point for reading at home three or more times per week.

**Spelling** –Please help your child to learn their spellings over each half-term. These will be sent home and tested half-termly. Spellings spelled incorrectly when tested will be added on for extra practise with the new spellings given.

**Multiplication Tables** – The government expect all children to be able to recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of their time in Year 4. Our weekly times table tests will continue to be on Fridays and children will bring these home to share with you. There has been a high level of use of TT Rockstars and we are extremely pleased with how well the children are doing with learning their times tables!

### **Communication**

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, then please speak to us in the first instance, however, we cannot hold discussions with parents at the start of the school day as we are supervising the children. It is possible to arrange a telephone call during the day for urgent issues and also to leave messages via the school office.

We are so looking forward to continue working with our fantastic Year 3 pupils. Please do contact us if you have any further questions regarding your child's time in Year 3.

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 team

