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Love, Laugh and  
Learn.

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

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## Welcome to Year 1 / 2



Dear Parents and Carers

Ms Silvester, Mrs Williams-Fenton and Miss Hale would like to welcome you to Year 1-2.

The attached pages outline some of the learning that will be taking place in our classrooms this term. Please help support your child by talking to them about what they have been learning in school.

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book into school every day and a water bottle (not juice/squash). If your child is in **Year 2** they will be heard read as part of a whole-class guided reading session each week. They will also be heard read individually but this will not happen every week. If your child is in **Year 1** they will continue to follow the Little Wandle Reading and will be heard read in daily reading sessions with a member of staff, keeping the same book and will have it changed every Thursday. Spellings will be sent out soon, once we have completed the process of assessing the children. Both Year 1 and Year 2 will be tested on their spellings on a Monday and will also receive their new spellings on this day too.

Library will start this week, Year 1-2 library day is a Friday.

### **PE Days – Tuesday outdoors - Wednesday indoors**

Please note the children will **not** be coming to school in their P.E kit this year.

The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE Kit's in school on their peg. Outdoor PE kit is a white round neck T-shirt, navy blue/black shorts, trainers, and a plain navy blue or black tracksuit for outdoor Autumn/Winter lessons. Indoor PE kit is a white, round neck T-shirt and navy blue/black shorts (the children go bare foot during these lessons so no pumps are needed). These will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed. Please ensure all items of kit are labelled with your child's name. Please remember if your child has long hair it needs to be tied up and



earrings must be removed for our PE lessons (tape is not acceptable). If children cannot remove their own earrings, please can parents remove them before they come to school.

**Forest School** will take place on a **Friday** afternoon in Year 1-2. Please make sure your child has their kit with them: wellies, waterproof coat and trousers/old clothes i.e. joggers, T-shirt, jacket or anything that you don't mind getting dirty, thank you.

### **Supporting your child at home:**

Please listen to your child read as often as possible, just a few pages a night is fine but will make a huge difference to their confidence and learning. Once you have your child's spellings please help them to practise them at home and encourage them to write them in sentences as well.

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year and can't wait for the opportunity to share the children's learning with you.

As a school we have an open door policy so if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please contact school by email or phone via the office who will pass the message on to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Silvester, Mrs Williams-Fenton, Miss Hale and the Year 2 Staff.



## Autumn Term



### English

In English this term, we will be exploring fiction texts through 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and non-fiction as part of our topic on 'The Great Fire of London' and 'Florence Nightingale'. The children will work on punctuation and sentence structure, as well as descriptive and narrative writing, explanation texts, recounts and diary writing. We will also write poetry in connection with Bonfire Night and Fireworks.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics, this term the focus is on number, such as number bonds, place value, shape, addition and subtraction. Please can children continue to learn and reinforce the number bonds within ten and twenty, for example two numbers that add together to make a number within twenty and the corresponding subtraction fact. i.e.  $7 + 6 = 13$ ,  $6 + 7 = 13$ ,  $13 - 6 = 7$ ,  $13 - 7 = 6$ . Please make use of your child's Numbots account or the White Rose 1-minute maths app.

### Science

As part of our Science units we will be looking at The Human Body, Seasonal Changes and Materials and their Properties. We are looking forward to completing a number of exciting experiments to inspire the children to think like real scientists!

### R.E.

In Religious Education, we are looking at the meaning of Harvest and showing kindness and goodness. We will then look at Religious Symbols, Advent and Christmas.

### Computing

In Computing this term, the children will be introduced to algorithms/coding and how to use these within programs as well as learning how computer games work.

### P.E.

In Physical Education they will be participating in Dance, Football Skills, Tag Ruby and Skipping.

### Topic

In our Topic work this term we will be researching the Great Fire of London, Remembrance, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In Geography, we will be learning about the four parts of the UK and their capital cities.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning and discussing why we have rules alongside naming and exploring feelings. The children will also be learning about working together, discovering how their behaviour impacts others, resolving conflicts, the difference between teasing and bullying.

