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Years 3 and 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

FARNSFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a wonderful start!

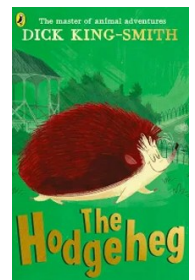
We have loved welcoming back the children to St Michael's this week. We are so proud of all of the children; the Year 4s have been wonderful mentors and the Year 3s have taken the big change moving from KS1 in their stride.

Here is a guide to what the children can expect this term.

Guided Reading

In Year 3, we will be reading 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. The children will learn reading skills (called 'VIPERS' in KS2).

Year 4 will be reading 'Loki, A Bad God's Guide to Ruling the World' by Louie Stowell. There will be some recap of their knowledge of Vikings from last year as well as developing their reading skills!



Reading

Next week the children will bring home their new reading diaries and choose a new reading book. Most children will choose a book from the band they have been assessed to be working on. A few children may continue with Rhino Readers until they are more confident and fluent with their reading. Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this in their diary. Diaries will be checked by class teachers each week. Please make sure they bring their books and diaries to school every day. Thank you for your support with this.



Spellings



Spelling lessons take place weekly. The children will write in their new words each week and then be tested the following week.

Spelling lessons and tests take place on the following days:

Primrose - Tuesday

Bluebells - Monday

Peonies - Friday

It would be supportive if your child could also regularly look at the Year 3/4 National Curriculum words. These can be found in their Reading Record.

Our What If question

This term our big question is 'What if nothing was left behind?' We will explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods, then find out about the Egyptian civilisation.

On Tuesday 15th December, our LKS2 museum will once again open for parents and family members to visit, where our Year 3 and 4 curators and historians will show and describe the artefacts they have made, as well as share all the knowledge they have acquired! More details will be sent out nearer the time.

To launch our topic, we have had a Stone Age themed day. The children designed and made Stone Age necklaces, did some cave paintings and played some games – one involved being hunters and animals!

Here are a few glimpses of the day:

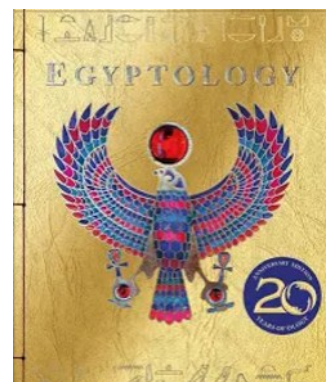
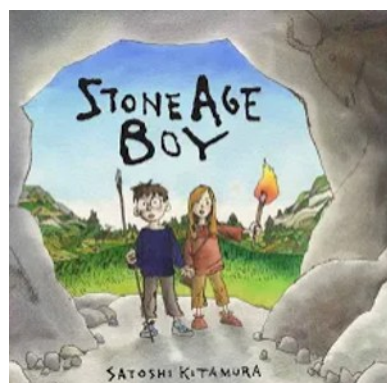
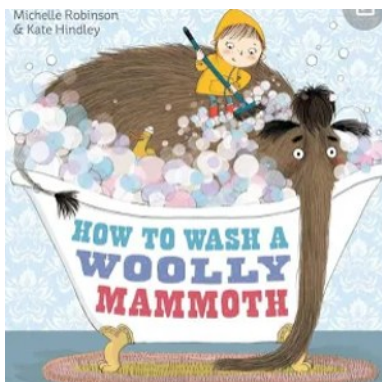


English

This term, we will be looking at procedural texts, narratives and persuasion.

We will explore the skills, features and purposes of these genres, as well as practising grammatical skills.

We will use the following texts to inspire and guide us:



Maths

This term, we be looking at place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, and measurement (with a focus on area).

Each day we will also do our 'Daily 10' where we practice our quick-fire times tables recall!

Homework

The following homework will be set:

Year 3: Read at least 3x per week, spellings each week, TT Rockstars once a fortnight.

Year 4: Read at least 3x per week, spellings each week, TT Rockstars once a fortnight with SPAG.com on the alternate week.

Year 3 will start to bring home printed grammar activities after Christmas.

These activities support children's confidence and consolidation of the skills they are learning in school, so please support your child to make sure these are completed each week/fortnight.

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing, please do come and speak to their class teacher. We want the children to have the best year in LKS2!

General Reminders:

Please be reminded that your child's school PE kit should consist of:

- plain white t-shirt/polo-shirt (a change of polo-shirt from their uniform);
- plain black shorts or plain black PE skirt;
- plain black jogging trousers;
- plain black sweatshirt;
- trainers or plimsolls.

The children are to come to school in their kit on their PE days:

Primrose - Friday

Bluebells - Monday and Friday

Peonies - Monday



Please be reminded that children should not be wearing any makeup (including nail varnish) to school.

Please ensure you name **every** piece of your child/ren's school uniform and PE kit – including socks!



If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure they have one that can be kept in school so it is available if they need it. Thank you!

Please remind your child/ren to have their Reading Record in school every day and remember it should be signed a minimum of three times per week.



Please only send your child/ren to school with water in their water bottle, **not** squash, juice or anything fizzy.

Thank you!