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# Years 3 and 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

FARNSFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome back!

We have loved welcoming back the children to St Michael's this half term and what a wonderful start it has been! We look forward to starting our new topics with the children next week.

The children have settled into their new classes and routines really well and we are looking forward to a super year ahead.

### Guided Reading

In guided reading this half term, the children will be working on VIPERS skills using Comprehension Ninja. We use VIPERS in KS2 that take over from the Reading Dogs in KS1. The skills are the same but with a few additions and are more appropriate for the KS2 curriculum. Your child will work in a guided group with their class teacher once a week to work on reading skills. The class teacher will stamp their reading diary to let you know that they have read that day. During the rest of the week, they will be given opportunities to work independently on reading skills.

Next week, your child will come home with a new reading diary and school reading book. In KS2, it is your child's responsibility to change their books. Class teachers will make time in the day for children to visit the library. Please can reading diaries be in school everyday to ensure we can record in their diary if they have read with an adult. We ask children to read three times a week at home. In KS2, children are encouraged to write in their own diaries as they start to read by themselves.



### Spellings

In KS2, children will no longer have phonics lessons. We have a weekly spelling lesson that covers spelling rules within the 3/4 curriculum. Other aspects of English are taught through our daily English lessons. Primrose and Bluebells will have their spelling test on a Tuesday afternoon. Peonies will have their spelling test on a Monday afternoon. The children will have a week to learn their spellings before they are tested.

## English

In English, we will be covering a range of genres and texts linked to our topic. We will be looking at features of a narrative, procedural texts, persuasion and explanation texts. We will teach a range of spelling, punctuation and grammar within our lessons.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be covering place value, additional and subtraction. Please continue to work at home on timetable recall. You can do this in a variety of ways including using TTRockstars.

## Discover— What if nothing was left behind?

We have had a brilliant day launching our new discover topic. Our big question is 'what if nothing was left behind?' During this term, the children will be learning all about life in the Stone Age and Ancient Egypt. Today, we started our learning with looking at cave paintings and having a go at doing our own. Take a look!





### Reading Diaries and Spelling Books:

Reading diaries and spelling books will be sent home next week. All logins needed for the academic year will be put into the front of your child's reading diary.

### Homework:

Homework will be set on a Friday. In LKS2 we alternate between SPAG.com and TTRockstars. SPAG.com assignments will be set on alternate weeks. We will send you an email to let you know when an assignment has been set on SPAG.com. TTRockstars will reset each week and we encourage the children to do as much practice as they can.

### **General Reminders:**

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

- plain white t-shirt/polo-shirt;
- 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.

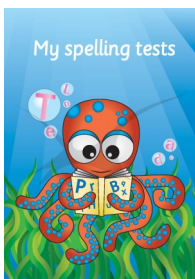
Primrose: Tuesday and Wednesday

Bluebells: Tuesday and Thursday

Peonies: Wednesday and Friday

Children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases. As a school, we provide all the resources children will need.

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



Please remind your child/ren to have their Spelling Books in school for their spelling test day.

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!**