St Michael's Community Academy
Year 6 Newsletter
Spring Term 2025



The children have had a great first two weeks back, ready to learn and have settled quickly.

Class dojo:
Please continue to use to contact staff and keep up to date with exciting opportunities and experiences.

PE:
PE is on a Wednesday. Please come into school on Wednesday's wearing the school PE kit.
Reminder: White t shirt, black/navy sweatshirt and black/navy shorts or tracksuit with trainers.

SATS dates:
Monday 12th May – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG)
Tuesday 13th May – Reading
Wednesday 14th May – Arithmetic and Reasoning (paper 2)
Thursday 15th May – Reasoning (paper 3)

Maths:
We want your children to become competent mathematicians and to have a good understanding of numbers and maths calculations (+, -, x and ÷). Please help your child to count in steps and practise times tables at home. It is important that you support your child's basic mathematical skills at home, such as: money, learning to tell the time, different measures and their times table knowledge.
https://ttrockstars.com/
We continue to practice arithmetic and reasoning (word) problems. If you would like any practice papers to look at with your child, please let us know.

Writing:
Over the Spring term, we will be using a range of videos, images and texts as stimuli for extended pieces of writing that cover a range of genres.
Spellings and Grammar:
We want your child to become a creative and fluent writer. To aid this, we will focus on spellings and grammar.
Reading:
We continue to read a wide range of texts that cover fiction, non fiction and poetry.
We will be focussing on skills such as retrieval, inference, vocabulary and author's intent.
Please continue to read with your child and log it on BoomReader.

Science: In Science, we will be studying the Circulatory System within the animals including humans topic.
History: Why have people migrated to Britiain throughout history?
Geography: Earning a living: fair trade, economics and imports and exports
Art and Design: Exploring 'brave colour' – using light and colours to create immersive environments in both 2D and 3D.

Homework projects:

To earn some extra dojos, we are asking children in Key Stage 2 to pick a homework project to complete over the term. The homework projects are linked with current themes we are learning about in class. Each project is organised either as a bronze, silver or gold challenge and each category is worth different Dojo points. At the end of the term, we will be inviting parents in to view the projects that the children have created. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

Homework deadline is : Friday 28th March

Bronze Challenge: 25 dojos

Create a classification key, similar to what we have been creating in Science. You can choose which animals, plants or humans you use in this!

Silver Challenge: 50 dojos

Create an informative book review about a book you have read. Present this using technology (You may want to record yourself making a book review) or you may want to create a written book review. Your book review must include information about the characters, include quotes from the book, information about the plot, a paragraph explaining your likes/dislikes and an overall rating. Make sure you explain why other children should read this book. Your book review will be presented in the Key Stage 2 library.

Gold Challenge: 100 dojos

Think about the Selfish Giant. Using your knowledge about the story, create a 3D Garden. This garden can either portray Winter or Summer.