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New Year, New Beginnings: Welcome to the Spring Term!

A new year brings fresh starts, renewed energy, and exciting opportunities and we are delighted to welcome everyone back for the beginning of the **Spring Term** at St Michael's. The first week has already been filled with enthusiasm and smiles as children settle back into routines and reconnect with their classmates.

This week's newsletter gives you a glimpse of what to expect over the coming weeks, showcasing the wonderful learning experiences planned across the school. We are looking forward to another term of growth, curiosity, and shared success.

Here's to a positive, productive, and joyful Spring Term for all!

Mrs Berry

All Aboard! Preschool Sets Off on a Transport Adventure!

Preschool are diving into the exciting topic of Transport, exploring everything from diggers and cars to trains, aeroplanes, and boats! We'll be thinking about journeys, where people live and travel, and how different vehicles help us get from place to place.

Children will enjoy a range of hands-on, creative learning experiences, including:

- Making prints and patterns using wheels, tracks, and tyres
- Floating and sinking boats in the water tray
- Counting carriages on trains
- Grouping and sorting different types of transport
- Building, imagining, and exploring how vehicles move

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, tasting traditional foods, creating colourful lanterns, and learning about this special cultural celebration.

It's set to be a busy, fun-filled, and wonderfully imaginative start to the Spring Term for our Preschool children!



Wonderful Work in Year 1: Numbers, Words & Wiggly Senses!

In Maths, Year 1 are now exploring place value to 20. You can support learning at home by helping your child recognise and name all the numbers to 20 confidently, spotting them on doors, buses, clocks, or during play is a great way to practise.



In English, we are busy writing character descriptions and setting descriptions, using lots of exciting adjectives to bring our ideas to life. The children are becoming fantastic little authors, building imaginative sentences full of detail.



In Science, our topic is Our Bodies and the Five Senses. We've already begun exploring how our senses help us understand the world, starting with a fun activity where we felt different objects without looking at them! The children loved guessing using only their sense of touch. It's been a brilliant start to the term with lots more exciting learning to come!



Year 2 Blast Off! Exciting Adventures Await...

Year 2 have been sharing their thoughts about all the wonderful learning ahead this term—and there's certainly a buzz of excitement in the air!

Here's what some of our enthusiastic learners are most looking forward to:

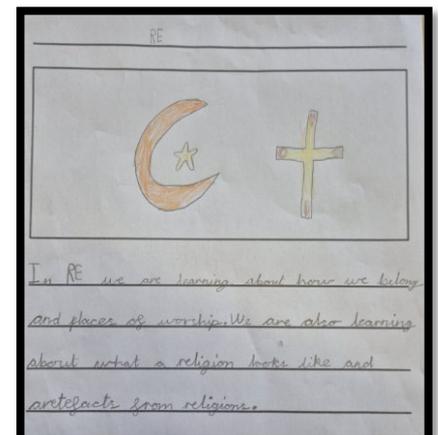
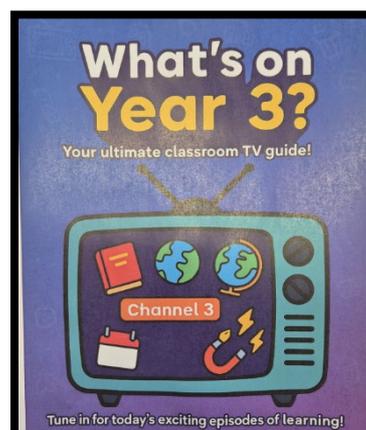
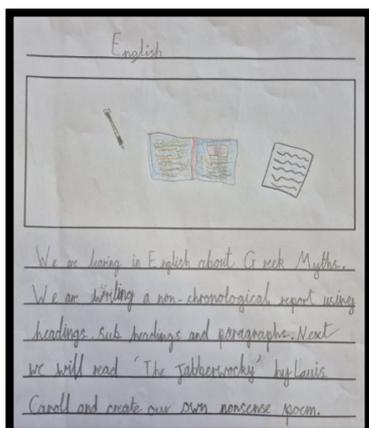
- **Oden:** "I am looking forward to making a space buggy!"
- **Amelia:** "I am looking forward to learning about multiplication and division."
- **Marley:** "I am looking forward to doing some writing for Bob the Astronaut."
- **Archie S:** "I am looking forward to learning about explorers."



From space adventures to brave explorers, brilliant writing to new maths challenges, it sounds like Year 2 are ready for an amazing journey of discovery!

Tune In: Year 3's Learning Line-Up Is Live

Remember the old TV guides we all used to flick through? Well... Year 3 have created their very own versions! These brilliant, quirky guides showcase all the exciting work they'll be doing this term, presented just like TV programmes. It's a fun, imaginative way for the children to share their learning journey, and they've absolutely loved bringing their ideas to life on the page!



Year 4: Ready to Roar Into a Term of Ancient Adventures!

Year 4 are bursting with excitement for the next half term, and it's easy to see why! They'll be travelling back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians, uncovering secrets of pyramids, pharaohs, and life along the River Nile.

In R.E., they'll be learning about the Five Pillars of Islam, gaining a deeper understanding of faith, values, and traditions.

Their Science topic also promises plenty of curiosity and discovery as they investigate sound; how it travels, how we hear it, and what makes different sounds unique.

To top it all off, Year 4 have already begun diving into their new English unit, where they'll be writing an imaginative narrative inspired by *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. They're hoping to share their finished stories with younger pupils later in the term, something they're really looking forward to!



Year 5 Weaves a Web of Wonderful Learning This Term

Year 5 have an exciting half term ahead, packed full of curiosity, creativity, and challenge!

In English, the children will be studying the much-loved classic *Charlotte's Web*, using it as inspiration to write both a balanced argument and a chronological report.

In Maths, they'll be tackling some impressive skills; multiplying and dividing numbers up to 4 digits, multiplying fractions, and converting fractions into decimals and percentages. A term full of mathematical mastery!

Over in Science, pupils will be exploring the properties of materials, investigating reversible and irreversible changes through hands-on experiments and real-life examples.

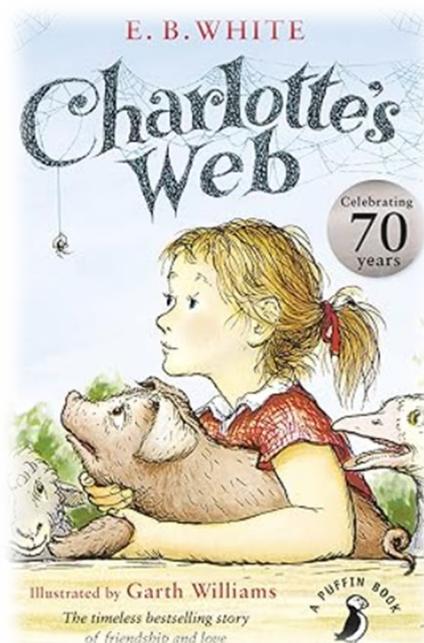
In History, Year 5 will step back in time to learn about life during World War II, including a closer look at the Battle of Britain and what it meant for people living through the conflict.

Their DT lessons will see children designing and building electrical alarm systems for vehicles, while in Computing they will continue developing their programming knowledge and skills.

In PE, the class will be learning how to play hockey, focusing on ball control, passing, and moving with confidence.

This half term's RE topic explores the values people live by, and PSHE will focus on digital resilience and understanding what influences career choices—important life skills for growing learners.

Finally, a gentle reminder: home learning makes a real difference! Regularly accessing Spelling Shed can significantly boost your child's confidence and accuracy in spelling. A few minutes each week goes a long way.



Year 6 Speaks Out: Big Dreams, Big Topics & Big Adventures Ahead

Year 6 have been sharing what they're most excited about this term—and it's clear they're ready for a brilliant journey of learning!

Jacob: "I'm really looking forward to our Geography topic—we're learning about the USA! I've always wanted to explore the physical landmarks and learn the history behind them. I find it fascinating."

Emilia: "This term I'm excited to learn more about Macbeth in English. We've already started reading it and the first characters are the witches! In Maths we're learning about ratio, comparing numbers in different ways. In Science, I can't wait to learn about inheritance and adaptation in living things."

Freddie: "I'm really looking forward to Art this term because our photography topic sounds so interesting! I already love taking professional photos and creating my own backgrounds, so these skills will really help me."

Niamh: "I'm excited for PE! We're learning gymnastics, which I love. I can't wait to use the apparatus and learn how to put different poses and movements together on the equipment."

From exploring America to diving into Shakespeare, from snapping photos to mastering gym routines, Year 6 are gearing up for an exciting and inspiring half term!

