

Sapling Class

I am really excited to be teaching your child this year! At Michaelchurch we create a nurturing environment where your child can thrive, learn and grow into confident individuals. I hope you find this leaflet full of useful information all about Sapling Class.

Mrs Flanagan

Forest School

Forest School sessions are every Friday afternoon, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather and that they have waterproofs (tops and bottoms) along with a pair of wellies. Waterproofs and wellies can be left in school on their pegs as we often get outside during the week too!

Reading

Reading can take us to so many different places! Your child will have a reading book from school which they will bring home to read and then bring back to school again the following day.

You or your child can write in their Reading Records to show they have read that day. Even 5 minutes of reading can make a huge difference so please do encourage your child to read each day.

Spare Clothes

It's always a good idea to have a change of clothes at hand, including underwear and socks, just incase they need a quick change from getting muddy, spills or general mishaps!

Active Wear

We will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please wear trainers and appropriate active wear (no jeans) on these days. We are on a mission to stay fit with the daily mile too, so children should have appropriate footwear for this too.

Snacks

Morning snack time is for healthy snacks such as fruits and vegetables.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle everyday, they can refill it as and when needed.

Homework

Homework will be available on Seesaw every Tuesday and will be due the following Monday. It contains two activities, spellings and times tables. The activities are to reinforce the learning taking place in the classroom. Your support in ensuring the completion and helping your child is greatly appreciated.

Spellings - this activity will be to learn and practice the weeks spellings and rule. The children have a spelling test on a Tuesday. Your child could complete the sheet on Seesaw or you can be as imaginative as you want in ways to practice and learn them. Then, just take a photo and upload it onto Seesaw.

Times tables - this activity will be to learn and practice times tables. This can be done in a variety of ways, you could make a song, arrays, play games or Times Tables Rock Stars, complete the worksheet, write them out...

By the end of Year 3 children should be able to instantly recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times tables.

Year 4 children should be able to instantly recall all of the times tables up to 12x12.

On Wednesdays there will be a times tables test, however it will be tailored to suit the learning stage of your child,

Topics

Autumn 1 - Stone Age

Autumn 2 - Land Use

Spring 1 - Railways

Spring 2- Around the
World

Summer 1 - Romans

Summer 2 - UK

Class Assembly

Sapling Class will do a class assembly at some point in the year. This will be a small play and a chance for your child to 'show off' what they have been learning about!

Toys

We kindly ask that toys stay at home, they are often very precious to your child and can easily get lost at school.

Times Table Check

In year 4, children will have a statutory times table check in June. It is an online test, consisting of 25 random times table questions, children have 6 seconds to answer. We focus on the well-being of your child and do not apply any undue pressure about the test. Times tables are part of daily learning in Sapling Class and the children will be ready to do the best they can at the time!

Log ins

In their reading dairies, your child will have a log in for Seesaw, Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

Seesaw is used to access homework, we upload completed work and use it as a virtual book for some subjects.

Times Tables Rock Stars is an online maths programme which adapts to your childs learning, helping them to recall their times tables quickly!

Spelling Shed is linked to the spelling scheme we follow in school and children can play games on here to consolidate their learning.

Please let me know if you need a reminder of any of the log ins!

Trips

We will go on many trips throughout the year linked to our topic, sporting events and other local outings. These will be communicated through email and often require your consent on Parent Pay. Keep a look out for these emails during the year.

Rewards

In Sapling class, we have a marble jar. The children collect marbles for good behaviour, choices and contributions. At the beginning of the year, as a class, we decided on the rewards for once the jar is full, these might be picnics, extra forest school, movies with popcorn etc. This way we can all celebrate our collective efforts.

Every week we do a raffle in class. Children get raffle tickets for reading every day (and recording it in their reading diaries) children can collect up to 7 tickets - 1 for each day of the week and 5 tickets for completing their homework.

The tickets are collected and a winner is drawn, who gets to pick something from the raffle prize box!

This is to encourage the children to complete their homework and read at home.

If you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be happy to help.