



Dear Year 5 Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school and the start of a new term. We hope that you all had a nice Christmas break and that you weren't too affected by the on-going situation.

Here is an outline of what the children will be learning half term, the curriculum map is attached with this letter. It is also available in your child's Google Classroom.

Homework will continue to be set every Friday on Google Classroom, to be completed by the end of the following **Wednesday**. Each week the children will be set English, Maths and Spellings (for which the test will be on a Thursday). It is also really important that your child is reading every day. Whilst we recommend a minimum of 20 minutes a day, we realise that this isn't always possible. You may, therefore, also include time when your child is being read to or listening to an audiobook as part of those 20 minutes. Even though the children are in Y5 it is still extremely beneficial for them to be read to, as well as them reading out loud to develop fluency.

Our PE days remain the same, Mondays and Thursdays. The children should come in their P.E kit on these days. We will continue with outdoor PE all through the winter, so please make sure that your child's PE kit includes trousers.

On a similar note, one of our most effective Covid prevention measures is to keep all windows and doors open. Even with the heating on full, this means that the classrooms are colder than usual, especially on windy days. Please make sure that your child has a jumper with them at all times, even if they choose not to wear it. We are also recommending vests and/or additional layers throughout the winter months. On very cold days, the children are being allowed to wear non-uniform fleeces on top of their normal school jumper, as well as scarves/snoods and hats indoors, should they need to. If you are concerned that your child might be too cold, please provide them with these items.

Finally, I want to remind you that your child is allowed to bring a *healthy* snack in to eat at break time. Healthy snacks include fruit, granola bars, rice cakes, cheese and plain popcorn. Please note that your child is not allowed to bring crisps, sweets, chocolate bars or biscuits as their morning snack.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that St Michael's is a nut-free school. This includes Nutella spread and items with *hidden* nuts such as marzipan and pesto.



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Yours sincerely,

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