**The Hive Newsletter Autumn 1 2021**

### Both teachers and children have settled well into The Hive this Autumn Term and we have really enjoyed getting to know your wonderful children over the past couple of weeks. The Hive is staffed by three adults, two of whom are new to St Michaels. Staff are Ms Lizzie Waterman – class teacher, Miss Helen Whaley Learning Support and Miss Laura Chambers Learning Support.

## Home Reading

We want to encourage all our children to enjoy and engage with books and reading and encourage this as much by having a variety of reading opportunities daily. EBooks are set via Active Learn each Friday and we would really appreciate it if you could support us with this. Even 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference. If children would prefer to or in addition to this, read any of their own books/other reading material at home we are just as happy for this to happen.

### **P.E**

This term we have P.E. on **Thursdays**. Children can come to school dressed in their school P.E kit**; a white t-shirt / polo shirt, school jumper / cardigan, dark jogging bottoms and trainers or if they prefer bring it in their bags** (no football kits please).

### **Curriculum**

Our creative curriculum topic for this half term is **Liverpool** Please see our topic web to see all of the exciting things we are currently doing and have planned!

**Life Skills**

We have started weekly cookery sessions which the children are really enjoying; this also includes washing up and drying! We are planning regular trips to the local shops to apply our knowledge of money.

**Abbots Lea School**

We have renewed our contact with Abbots Lea Specialist Provision in order to receive support to help further enhance our provision.

**Governor Visit**

We really enjoyed our visit from our school governor Mr Phil Watson earlier this week. Phil really enjoyed meeting the children and even joined in a P.E. lesson with them. He had a great time despite coming last in the space hopper race.

### **Homework**

We will send home spellings weekly on a Friday via Class Dojo. These are the spellings your child will be working on in school. Words are taken from different spelling lists depending on the child’s ability.

We will do different tasks to incorporate the spellings each week in order to monitor the children’s progress and understanding. We will monitor and upload maths homework and eBooks to the children’s Activelearn account to consolidate in class learning regularly. Usernames and passwords have been sent home.

Please don’t hesitate to make contact via class dojo whenever you need to or simply if you just want to catch up.

Kind Regards

Lizzie, Helen and Laura.