

Welcome back to Year 5!

A warm welcome back from all the staff in Year 5. It has been good to settle back in to routine and be back together! We hope that the children are excited to embark on another half term of adventure, as we explore the world of ancient heroes, villains and monsters as part of our new topic - 'Raiders, Invaders and Crusaders'. We have some amazing activities and topics planned that we hope they will love. If you want to keep updated on what is going on please keep checking our school Twitter (@st_michaels_ham) and your child's Class Dojo page, where we will share the children's work and regular updates.

English

The text we will be exploring will be 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd-Stanton, which will lend itself to the study of myths and legends. The chosen text will form the basis of our reading study. There will also, be daily focus on enhancing reading, writing and spelling to ensure that children continue to progress.

Reading



To assist the children's progress, we kindly request that we are supported at home by the children being encouraged to read daily. Children have been allocated a range of books on the Active learn platform, <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> which can be accessed using their individual logins.

Maths

Maths during this half term, children will build on their times table knowledge, and apply this to developing a robust understanding of place value in larger whole numbers and in decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions. They will focus on the rehearsal and development of mental calculation strategies for addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Times tables are incredibly important in Year 5 and children can practice by accessing their Times table rockstar account: [Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com).

Science

This half term, the children will be learning about separating mixtures and reversible and different types of changes. Children will formulate their own question before planning how they will answer it, predicting possible outcomes and carrying out a fair test.

Computer Science/Digital Literacy - Children will use iMovie to create their own trailers.

History- Children will learn about the Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots and Anglo-Saxon invasions.

RE - Pupils will explore in depth from different religious and non-religious groups about belief in God.

Art -



Children will get the opportunity to study Frida Kahlo, her self- portraits and create their own Frida Kahlo inspired 'Emotions in Art'

Music -



This term children's learning will be focused around one song: *Make You Feel My Love*, by Bob Dylan. Using Adele's version of this song, as a catalyst, children will use elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), instruments, to help them to learn to sing, play, improvise and compose as well as listen to and appraise other Pop Ballads.

PE - Year 5 will take part in **PE on Fridays**. We kindly ask that all children **arrive in their P.E. kit**. The children are asked to wear a t-shirt (no football kits, or crop tops) as well as shorts or jogging bottoms. We also recommend trainers or pumps.

Additional support: The children in Y5 will be supported by Ms Mitchell and Mr Dunn

The children have made an excellent start to year 5 and we look forward to, what we hope will be, a fun, exciting and hard-working 2022.

Thank you,

Mrs. Agis, Miss Norman Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Dunn