

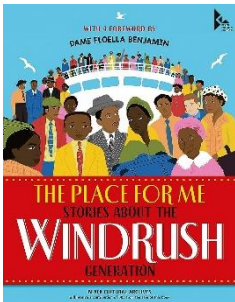


Welcome back to SMITH! We hope you all had a tremendous summer. We cannot wait to welcome you all back for your final year at St. Michael's. While Year 6 does present with challenges, our curriculum is full of exciting concepts that we know you will love. We are starting the year with our fascinating topic '**We are breaking free!**' 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.

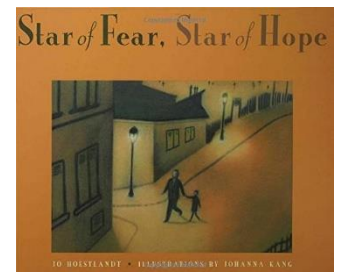
Physical Education

PE will be held with Mr Bannon on **Wednesday afternoons**. We ask that children arrive to school in full PE kits. This must consist of a white top, black shorts and black shoes. Children should not attend school in football tops or crop tops. If on one particular week this cannot be the case, children must attend school with a signed parent letter. PE will incorporate a range of activities that will aim to develop personal fitness, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Writing



In writing this term, we will be four different texts. In Autumn 1, we will be exploring texts linked to moments of significant hardship in history. The first text: '**Star of Fear, Star of Hope**' will provide a stimulus for a narrative containing a flashback from a character's point of view. We will then be producing another narrative text using '**A Place for Me.**' This text looks at the impact of Windrush on a variety of different people's lives.



In Autumn 2, we will be producing two texts centred around tigers. We will be attempting to answer the question: '**Can we save the tiger?**' in a non-chronological report. We will then be writing free verse poetry based on the text: **A tiger in the zoo.**

Maths

In Maths this term, Year 6 will be recapping and building upon our knowledge of the four operations and place value. We will explore numbers up to 10 million as well as Roman numerals and rounding. We will then move onto to exploring the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also conquer the surprisingly fun long multiplication and division using formal methods. We will also hold regular competitions throughout the term between classes on Timetables Rockstars to develop our fluency with timetables.

Reading

At St. Michaels, we prioritise reading because of the numerous benefits that it can bring. Each class will have a class novel and we will also explore a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry throughout the school year. We actively encourage you to read with your child at home to create that love of reading. They are never too old to be read a story to at home!

Science

In science, we will be exploring light and sight this half-term. We will look at why shadows form and why light travels so fast. We will gather real life examples in the world around us and conduct a number of experiments to test our hypotheses. In Autumn 2, we will then look at how to complete a circuit. We will create our very own circuits, as well as discovering what different electrical symbols mean.



History

This half-term, we will be looking at the Transatlantic Slave Trade and impact that the event had on millions of African people. We will study what the experience of travelling through the Middle Passage and what the term triangular trade means. We will also be going on a trip to the International Slavery Museum where we will find out what many slaves experienced at the hands of the slave masters.

Geography

In Autumn 2, we will be completing a Local Study on the area around St. Michael's. We will look at how we can find Geography in the world around us and how changes in our local area can be felt across the globe.

Music

In music, we are going to be looking performance poetry. We will look at how pace, volume and tone can affect the way a poem is presented to the listener. In the second part of the term, we will be rehearsing hymns in our preparation for our Christingle Service.

Art and Design

In Art, we will be sculpting our very own vases. We will be taking inspiration from a range of different vases from a variety of different cultures from across the world. We will be attempting to create a range of designs covered in an array of different colours.



Design Technology

In technology, we will be creating our very own 'liver' birdhouses. We will at a range of different joints and joining mechanisms. We will also be researching different styles of bird houses, while discussing what makes a bird house both ergonomically and aesthetically pleasing.



Religious Education

In RE, we will be attempting to answer the question: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? We will look at what matters most to Muslims living in the UK and why having a diverse society with mutual understanding is incredibly important to developing inclusiveness.

Computing / Digital Literacy

This half-term, the children will be continuing to look at online safety and developing more of an awareness about how we can keep ourselves safe online. We will also be using iMovie to create a sound and motion film.

Swimming

Year 6 will be attending swimming this term. 6A will be attending swimming during Autumn 1 and then in Autumn 2; it will be the turn of 6D. The children will be attending Wavertree Lifestyles on **Mondays**. Children must bring appropriate swimwear, a towel and a swimming cap. All children are expected to attend swimming and if we can assist with any reasonable adjustments, please inform one of the Year 6 teachers.

We are incredibly excited to start the year with Year 6 and we know that this will be our best Year 6 class yet! Please feel free to contact any member of the staff team should you require any further information.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team.