



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance

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Dear Parents

I can't believe it is nearly February already! I hope you have all had a lovely break over Christmas and I wish you all a very happy new year.

The children in Year 6 have returned to school refreshed and very eager to learn which is fantastic to see. Over the last term, I have seen a huge increase in maturity and fantastic attitudes towards all work set.

Most activities in Year 6 are remaining the same; however, there are a few changes to timetables and homework to make you aware of.

Every morning, we carry out a carousel of reading activities to develop understanding and inference skills. This means that during the week, your child will take part in two small group guided reading/comprehension sessions, led by myself and Mrs Carruthers. Individual readers will therefore be listened to at various points during the school week. We are encouraging the children to take more responsibility for their reading and will, on occasions, ask questions linked to the text they are reading. These will be recorded in their reading records and it would really benefit your child, if when you are listening to them, you discuss these questions and help them to record a response.

Children may sign their reading records themselves twice during the week, however I would be grateful if you could sign their books the other days so that we can monitor their personal reading. Bringing their book in signed every day will result in Dalston dollar points being given out at the end of the week.

Spellings will now be handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. All other homework will remain the same – see overleaf.

P.E. will now be on Monday and Thursday so full school P.E kits will need to be in school on these days. Please ensure everything is labelled. Mrs Carruthers will work in our class from Monday to Thursday mornings and will also teach the children French and PE on a Thursday afternoon. We will also be supported in class by Mrs Smillie on a Friday.

Finally, if you have any questions, please come and see me after school or speak to the office and we can arrange a meeting.

Kind regards

Miss Alison Rowe

St. Michael's Homework – Class 6

Because your child is now in their last year of primary school, we have added some more structure to their homework and have added maths and English weekly homework instead of the activity grid. I have added an extra, optional, Year 6 challenge however to support the health and wellbeing of the children.

Compulsory weekly tasks:

Maths	English	Spelling
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematics - (Dalston dollar point for anyone who gets 1,000 or more points in a week)• 1 x maths activity every Friday to be handed in on Monday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading. 5 times a week - (Dalston Dollar point for anyone who reads 5 times during the week and has a signature each day in their reading record)• 1 x SPAG or Literacy-based activity every Wednesday to be handed in on Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling lists to be learnt each week for test on Friday. (Dalston Dollar point for full marks)

Extra (optional) Year 6 challenge:

I have been very impressed with the selection of activities I have seen recorded so far and am looking forward to seeing more of these over the next 2 terms. Remember to have fun and let me know which you complete.