

English

This term the children will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett. We will be analysing how the author makes the reader feel and how she does this. We will be looking closely at the setting in which the story is set and how that is described. We will use these descriptive techniques to write our own story based on the book. The children will then write explanation texts on how to grow different fruits and vegetables.

Humanities

As part of their 'Allotment' topic, the children will learn about different types of plants, flowers and vegetables. They will design and build their own model secret gardens. They will make their own planters and tubs to grow food as well as plan their own vegetable patch. They will learn how to make dishes of seasonal foods and then harvest and sell the crops they have grown.

Uniform, PE and kit

Elm class will continue to have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays with Mr Paynter. Please ensure your child always has their named PE kit in school. Children will get changed at school for PE each session. This term we will be focussing on differing team games in PE sessions and all PE lessons will once again take place outside on the MUGA or school field.

We hope to see some lovely summer weather this term, so it is essential that children have a hat and water bottle with them every day. It would also be useful for the children to apply sun cream in the morning before coming into school. The cloakroom area is small, so please keep to a minimum extra items being bought in. Children should not bring in toys or trading cards from home.

Maths

This term we will continue with or work on decimal numbers and capacity. After this we will be focussing on money. We will be converting money from pounds and pence, adding and subtracting money and then finally working out change. It would support the children tremendously if you could give your child the opportunity to do this in a shop.

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Summer Term 1

We hope you have had a good Easter break and look forward to getting outside more hopefully this term! Our aim is to continue with the good progress we have made so far this year, maintaining the routines, structures, and high expectations of the children in the class.

Contact

If you wish to talk about your child at any point this year, please approach us as soon as possible. Please contact us via our email addresses:

cpaynter@stmichaelspri.co.uk and
ftupper@stmichaelspri.co.uk

Mrs Sipson will also continue to be available to respond to any questions or concerns.

lsipson@stmichaelspri.co.uk

We will endeavour to respond to any emails as quickly as possible, however if you have any urgent issues or concerns, please contact the school office so they can let us know as soon as possible. We are always available on the playground in the mornings and after school if you need to discuss anything with us.

Homework and spellings

Please see separate homework grid. The homework given is totally voluntary but they do get a raffle ticket if they complete or do any work from home.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)

In Science, we will be following on with the topic from last term and look more closely at what plants need to grow and produce well. Hopefully we will be able to grow some of our produce that we can eat!! There is nothing better than home grown!!