

Topic – This Wonderful World

In Geography, we will investigate the Americas, locating key physical features, countries and major cities. We will compare the human and physical geography of regions in North America with regions in the South America to understand geographical similarities and differences.

In History, as part of the ongoing studies of different societies, we will learn about the Maya, their architecture, religion and writings, as well as considering the challenges of studying a culture where there are limited types of evidence.

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau in capturing nature, as well as creating masks as part of our history work.

English

We will start the first few weeks studying the picture book 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman to use as a basis for writing our own story. For the rest of the term, we will be basing our reading on the story 'How to Catch The Sun', which links well with our Geography and history work. We will spend time thinking about how the characters feel during different parts of the story. We will use the story to complete different pieces of writing such as diary entries in the role of different characters, descriptive writing and newspaper reports. In addition, we will be writing a variety of text types including a non-chronological report and balanced argument where we will be working on using more sophisticated sentence structures.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be focusing on our solar system with a focus on the Earth, Sun and Moon. This will include thinking about their relative sizes and how the Earth and Moon move. We will deepen our understanding of day and night and investigate to see how shadows are formed and change throughout the day.

Our second topic is forces and we will be carrying out a number of investigations based on exploring gravity, air resistance and friction.



St Michael's
CofE Primary Academy

Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Year 5

Welcome to the Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Rai or Mrs Rogers directly, in the first instance.

Maths

In Maths, we will start the term by developing our understanding of tenths, hundredths and thousandths including calculating and rounding. We will then learn to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000 using our place value knowledge. We will also focus on counting, comparing and calculating using negative numbers and make links to everyday contexts. We will build on our written methods for all 4 operations this term focusing on column addition and subtraction with the aim that by the end of year 5 we will have achieved stage 8 in our calculation stages. We will be ensuring these skills are secure by our daily 'Fluent in 5' sessions which will maintain our fluency in our calculations. Our Mastering Number intervention will continue this year and we will be ensuring we know and use our tables to automaticity.



RE

The first half of the term, delves into the question: "What does it mean if God is holy and loving?" We will explore various aspects of Christian beliefs, such as God being omnipotent, omniscient, eternal, and the different types of texts in the Bible.

The second half of the term looks at the key question "What would Jesus Do?". We explore the parable of The Wise and Foolish Builders, prompting reflection on the foundation of one's values and beliefs as well as considering the implications of building one's life on rock. We ponder the traits of a model Christian and church, emphasising love for God and others.

PE

The focus will be on developing skills through Athletics, perfecting techniques in various athletics-based activities. They will also participate in Orienteering. PE days this term are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed for PE before coming to school.

Computing

Children will learn to use technology safely, create strong passwords and recognise safe online behaviour. They'll also know how to report concerns and where to seek help. We will be learning about systems and searching.

Diary Dates

- 25.9.26 European Day of Languages
- 29.9.26 St Michael's Day Service
- 6.10.26 Parent Workshop—Spelling
- 8.10.26 Parent Workshop—Phonics
- 12.10.16 Individual photographs
- 23.10.26 Harvest Worship
- 27.11.26 Year 5 Forest School
- 9.12.26 Christmas Production
- 10.12.26 Music Extravaganza
- 18.12.26 Christmas Service

Contact Details

stmichaelsceprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk
01902 558845