

Topic – When our grandparents were children

In History, we will be answering the question 'What was it like when our grandparents were children?' We will be learning to recognise the difference between the past and present.



English

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons in Year 1 following the Read Write Inc programme. Most of us will be working on using our set 3 sounds to help us read words accurately and to become more fluent readers. We will have a big focus this term on non-sense words which are words that are not real but contain the sounds we need to know to help us become fluent readers. In our writing lessons, we will begin with 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' as our writing stimulus.

Science

In our science lessons this term, we will continue to observe the weather, focusing on the change in season from winter to spring. We will learn to describe the weather and look at the indicators which show us the season we are in.

We will also learn about different materials and their properties in our science lessons. We will conduct tests to help us decide the best material for useful objects in the classroom.



St Michael's
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Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

Year 1

Welcome to the Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Cooper directly, in the first instance.

Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will continue to look at strategies to use for addition and subtraction. We will learn how to find doubles and halves of a given number. We will practice counting in multiples of ten and use this skill to help us add ten to multiples of ten or subtract ten from multiples of 10. Children need to recall the composition of numbers to 10 so we will be focusing on the rapid recall of addition and subtraction facts within 10. We will continue our weekly club sheets, hopefully completing Family 5 and moving on to Family 10.

RE

Our key question in RE this half term will be 'What do Muslims believe?' We will find out more about key aspects of Islam and invite a visitor into Class 1 to share more about their faith. Our key question next half term will be 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

PE

This term our focus will be on Gymnastics and Dance. We will be composing and linking movement phrases and performing in a controlled way. We will explore how to travel by rolling forward, backward and sideways and will talk about how to exercise safely.



Computing

During this term, we will be learning to identify the technology that surrounds us and how it can be used in different ways. Later in the term, we will begin to use laptops to enter and edit text and use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep information safe - help your child to set these up. Remember that the default on many sites / apps is public.

Diary Dates

- 19.1.26 Stranger Danger
- 2.2.26 National Storytelling Week
- 23.2.26 INSET Day
- 11.3.26 Eucharist
- 11.3.26 Parents' Evening
- 12.3.26 Parents' Evening
- 13.3.26 INSET Day
- 25.3.26 Easter Prayer Spaces

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Core Story Books – Spring Term

The Lighthouse keepers Lunch

By Ronda Armitage



The Happy Hedgerow

By Elena Mannion and Erin Brown



The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish

By Chloe Savage



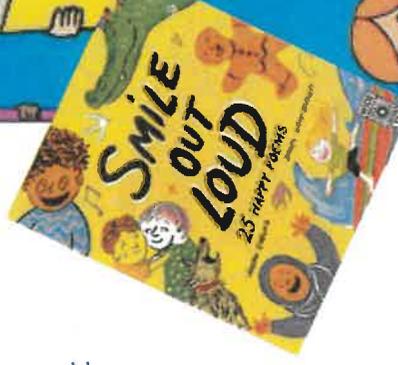
Treasury of Fairy Tales

by Axel Scheffler



Smile Out Loud

By Joseph Coelho and Daniel Gray-Barnett



You Choose

By Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart



I Can Only Draw Worms

By Will Mabbitt

