

St Michael with St Thomas
CE Primary School



Learn, Achieve, Love, Believe

Reception
Class Handbook
2020 -2021

You will find the following information in the Reception handbook:

- Details of the adults that will be working with your child this year
- Details of homework
- Information about reading in this year group
- Details about PE days and swimming (if applicable to the year group)
- Times of the school day
- Dates of class worships and family learning sessions
- Long Term Plan for the year
- Details of any Statutory Testing (Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 only)
- Maths and English Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) (if applicable to the year group)
- A copy of the Home – School agreement to sign

Staff working in Reception this year:

Class teacher: Miss Briody

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Middleton

Student Teacher: N/A

Student Teaching Assistant: TBC

Homework

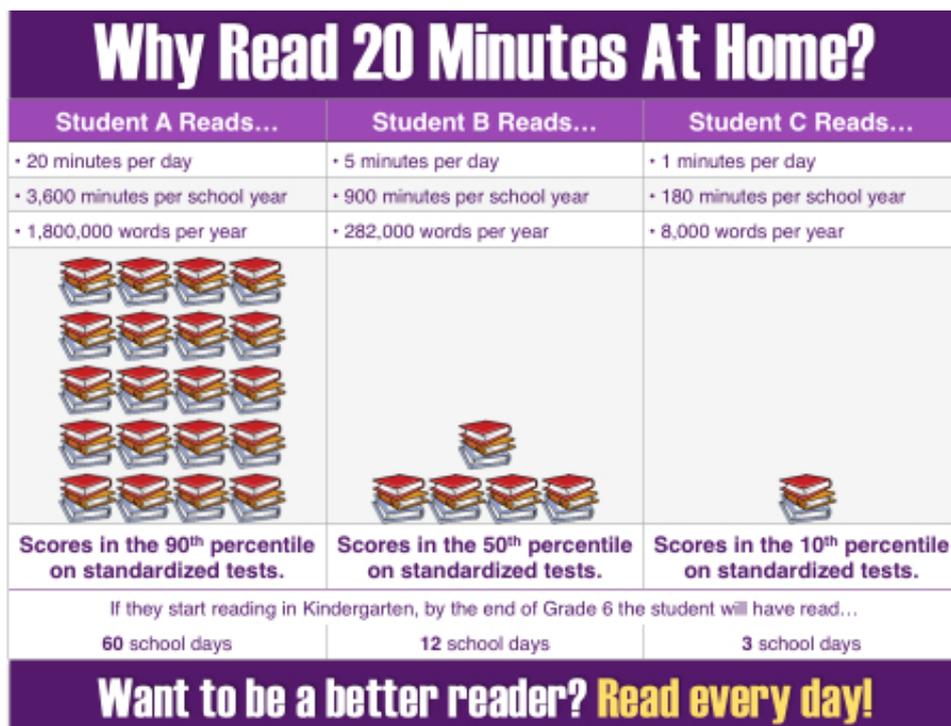
Home work will be sent on each **Thursday** and will be collected in each **Tuesday**.

Homework will consist of activities that cover all areas of learning. Pupils may be given a project to complete over a longer period of time to support work in their topics.

Reading

We ask that all children read at least 5 times each week at home. This is to support them with:

- Becoming more fluent with their reading
- Developing reading stamina, allowing them to read longer and more challenging texts
- Developing the speed in which they are able to read and comprehend at
- Developing Vocabulary
- Developing a love of books



Reading in Early Years and KS1

In Reception and KS1, pupils are no longer reading by 'Book Band'. Instead, children will have a reading book that is matched to the phonics sounds that they are learning in their groups. This is to ensure that they have time to practise and rehearse the learning taking place in the classroom. Children will be reassessed in their phonics groups each half term. These books are to be read often as children build fluency through reading known texts. They will be changed twice a week.

Children will also bring home a second book, which is a sharing book. This book is for adults to read with their child to build a love of books, enjoying the story, discussing the language, characters and plot. This book is not for adults to try and make children read, as this will contain sounds that they have not yet been taught through phonics. These books will be changed twice a week, but children can also change these books whenever they are ready to from the class library.

Reading in KS2

Once children have finished the Read Write Inc Phonics programme at the end of KS1, they will be assessed in their reading using the KS2 book bands.

Children will be given a book that matches their reading level to read each night at home. Pupils will still be expected to read at least 5 times each week, although as they get older, they may read independently at some points throughout the week.

Studies have shown that reading progress in KS2 often slows, as parents believe that now pupils can read competently, there is less need for them to read aloud with an adult. This is a misconception and it is essential that pupils still have time to read aloud and to discuss texts with someone, especially as the books they are reading are becoming more and more challenging. Please support your child by listening to them read regularly and discussing the text with them.

Pupils in KS2 will be assessed each term and the book band that they are reading at may change. However, this is based on more than just the ability to read the words, and the pupil's comprehension of the text is equally important. Pupils who read widely and from a variety of different types of texts, will develop their reading and comprehension skills far more efficiently.

PE in Reception

This year our PE days will be Wednesday.

Please ensure that PE kits are brought in at the start of the half term and remain in school so that they are always available for pupils if needed. They will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.

Times of the School Day:

Reception

8.45am	School gates open
8.50am	School starts - Registration
9.00 – 9.20	Mathematics
9:20 – 10:20	Continuous Provision
10.20 – 11:00	Phonics/English
11.00 – 11.30	Continuous Provision
11:30 – 12.00	Maths meeting
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch time
12.45 – 13.20	Whole class activity/Circle time related to area of learning
13.20 – 14.30	Continuous Provision
15.00	Home time

Class Worship and Family Learning Dates:

	Venue	Time
Class Worship	19 th July 2019	9am
Family Learning sessions	Wednesday 25 th September – 2.15pm Phonics/Reading Workshop	
	Thursday 10 th October – 2pm Phonics/Early writing skills	
	Thursday 6 th February – 2pm Maths – Number	
	Thursday 19 th March – 2pm Understanding the World	
	Thursday 14 th May – 2pm Maths – Shape, Space and Measure	
	Thursday 25 th June – 2pm Getting ready for Year 1	