

## Enterprise Newsletter Autumn 2020

# Welcome Back!



Welcome back to a new school year at Hoole St Michael and welcome back to a new class. For some, this is perhaps your child's first time back in school for a long time, but don't let this worry you. This year is all about reflecting on the events of 2020, being thankful for the good things we have experienced and moving forward to, positively, getting back to familiarity.

### Year Topic Overview

**Autumn 1: Sparks Might Fly**

**Autumn 2: Healthy Humans**

**Spring 1: Rock and Roll**

**Spring 2: The Art of Food**

**Summer 1: Rotten Romans**

**Summer 2: Passport to Europe**

### Curriculum Information:

- **Reading:**

This year we are continuing our two-book approach. The children are to keep the reading journal and folder they received last year so will need to bring

this to school on a Monday and Thursday. Please see separate letter explaining the new COVID safety strategy we have put in place regarding home reading this year.

- **Times Tables:**

This year, Year 4 will have a 'Times Table Check'. This is because the curriculum expectation is that children will know all their times table and division facts up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. As a result, we will be using Times Table Rock Stars to help promote a fluent recall of times tables. This program allows children to practice at home and because it is personalised, it is tailored to the skills that they need. Children are unaware of what level they are on and receive immediate and positive feedback for their work. In school, we are able to see their progress. This will allow us to celebrate the hard work and effort that the children are putting in.



- **Spelling:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. We will have three sessions in class across the week where we will review the spelling rules. Spellings are tailored for individual need and year group. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Homework:**

This year children will receive 4 pieces of homework each week. They will have their spellings, a maths task on Emile, Times Table Rock Stars practise and a SPAG activity from their own CPG book. I will resend your child's login details and passwords for these programmes.

- **PE:** This year Mr Pitcher will be teaching one formal P.E lesson on a Wednesday afternoon, the other will be taught by myself during the week. Due to new school safety procedures, children should bring their P.E into school at the beginning of each half term and leave it in school for the duration of the half term. This is to reduce home/school contamination. I will make sure P.E kits return home at the end of each half term. After Christmas, you will receive a letter about swimming.

As a lot of you will know, I am a keen 'Dojoer' and love to share what we have done in school with parents at home. I frequently send, check and reply as quickly as possible to Dojo messages. I also aim to update our Dojo Class Story daily with information and pictures of the learning your children have done during the school day.

I would usually write 'my door is always open' however due to Covid 19 I will have to reword this statement to, my dojo and emails are always checked and answered, and phone calls are always returned. Not quite as catchy, but I am always here should you wish to discuss anything with me.

We are looking forward to this year and watching the children reach for the stars in Enterprise class.

Miss Topping and Team Enterprise!