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Foundation Stage Autumn 1

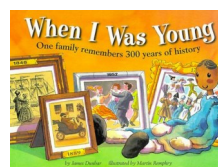
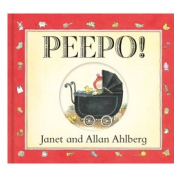
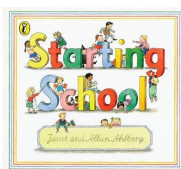
FARNSFIELD ST MICHAEL'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a wonderful start to school!

We have loved welcoming our new Foundation children to St Michael's. We have made a great start getting to know the routines and where everything lives.

Your children have been absolutely amazing and we can't wait to dive into this term's topic: The History of me!

Literacy



This half term, we will be linking our literacy learning to our topic: The History of me. We have got lots of lovely stories and activities to ignite children's curiosity and imagination. We will be looking at how things have changed over time and talking about what life might have been like for our Grandparents in the past and compare this to our experiences in the present.

Phonics



We are really excited to be continuing with our Twinkl Phonics programme this academic year. Look out for follow-up activities in your child's book bag for you to share at home with your child.

On Wednesday 30th September at 5pm, we will be holding an information evening about how we teach reading, writing and early maths at Farnsfield St Michael's, and how you can support your child at home.

Research shows that hearing your child read at least three times per week at home and sharing favourite stories regularly has a significant impact on their reading progress in school. We can't wait to work alongside you in this important part of your child's educational journey.

Maths

Here at Farnsfield St Michael's, we follow the NCETM Mastering Number programme which uses the very popular Numberblocks series to support the children's engagement and continued interest. One of the key aspects of this approach is to ensure that mathematical fluency is taught as a priority.



You can support your child in this area by using opportunities in your daily routine to count everyday objects and encourage them to notice patterns in their environment.

General Reminders:

Please be reminded that your child's school PE kit should consist of:

- plain white t-shirt/polo-shirt (a change of polo-shirt from their uniform);
- plain black shorts or plain black PE skirt;
- plain black jogging trousers;
- plain black sweatshirt;
- trainers.

The children are to come to school in their kit on their PE day which is Thursday.

Please ensure you label **every** piece of your child/ren's school uniform and PE kit – including shoes!

Please ensure that your child's Reading Diary is in their bookbag everyday and remember it should be signed a minimum of three times per week.

Please do not send your child/ren to school with a snack from home. There is a healthy school snack provided.

Please only send your child/ren to school with water in their water bottle, **not** squash, juice or anything fizzy.

To avoid precious items being lost or misplaced, please can we ensure that all toys and valuables are left at home.

Please keep wellies and a rain-coat in school so that we can be outside in all weathers. When the weather gets cooler, please make sure your child comes to school in a warm coat.

Learning through play can be messy! We endeavour to keep the children clean using aprons but sometimes mess on clothes is unavoidable. We thank you for your understanding with this.