



# WELCOME TO THE DIAMOND CLASS





Writing to Tell a Story

Expanded Noun Phrase  
lots of yummy, cold ice cream  
Determiner Adjective Noun

The ravenous lion pounced, but the gazelle bolted courageously.

The daring, athletic diver on the ten-metre board boldly leapt off.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>, September  
14.09.2023  
XIV. IX. MMXXIII

Q → S + E  
Q → S I think the... out  
the move...

Amelia B  
Loxi -P

Spellings  
bomb subtle  
numb  
subtle

Fire Action  
09 23  
Diana...



# OUR VISION: ACHIEVING AND GROWING TOGETHER







# SCHOOL RULES

1. Keep hand, feet and objects to ourselves
2. Use quiet, calm voices (no bad language)
3. Always follow teacher instructions
4. Care for the school environment

# ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

- School begins at 8.45am for all children
- Breakfast clubs runs from 7.30am if needed
- Children should be at school every day and on time
- Good attendance and punctuality sets good habits for the future.

# UNIFORM



- Smart school uniform sets the tone for a day of learning.



# PE – PHYSICAL EDUCATION



- PE is part of the National Curriculum.
- Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday.
- We are lucky to have coaches from NUFC!!
- Children are to come in their PE kits for the day.
- Children can wear tracksuit bottoms and jumpers if it is cold.
- Other clothing is **not** allowed.
- We will go swimming on a Friday afternoon until further notice. On swimming days, children to wear school uniform and bring their Swimming kits.

# WE ARE A READING SCHOOL!

- Our ambition is for every child to read by 7 using a synthetic phonics approach and to develop a love of reading for fluency and comprehension in order to access a broad and balanced curriculum. We do everything to make this happen.



# RWINC – OUR METHOD TO TEACH PHONICS

**Read Write Inc.**

## Reading

- When using RWI to read the children will:
- Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple prompts
- Learn to read words using sound blending (Fred talk)
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learnt to sound out
- Show that they comprehend the stories by answering 'Find It' and 'Prove It'
- Mrs Lockey is our phonics leader.
- Children **will** read every day in school and **we expect** them to read every day at home.



# ACCELERATED READER – A LOVE OF READING

## What is Accelerated Reader?

- Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice

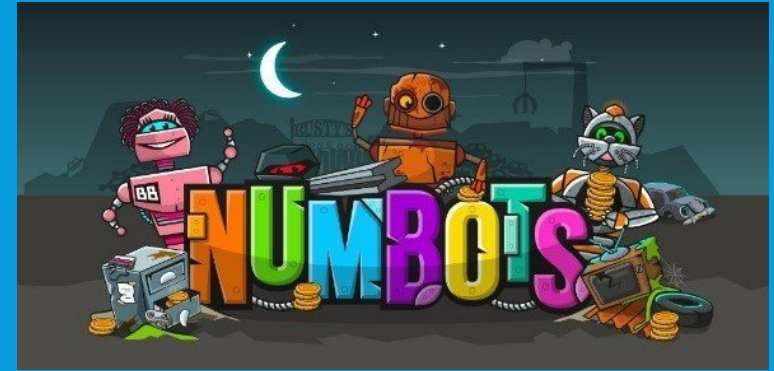


# SPELLINGS – EARN 200 POINTS FROM THE MENU!

- 50 point spelling activities:
- **Rainbow words:** copy your spellings at least three times in different colours
- **Draw your words:** draw and label each of your spellings
- **ABC words:** write your words in alphabetical order
- **Silly sentences:** write a 'silly' sentence for each of your words
- **Poem spellings:** write a poem with at least 5 of your words
- **Colourful words:** write your spellings with one colour for vowels and another for consonants
- **Backwards words:** write your spellings backwards
- **Highlight:** write your spellings out and use a highlighter for the trickiest part of each word
- **CAPITALS:** write your spellings in capital letters

# HOMEWORK

- Homework is KS1 and 2 consists of 3 parts:
  - Daily reading
  - Spelling
  - Maths – Numbots or TTRockstars
- It is set on a Monday and 'collected' on a Friday.
- This sets good habits for moving on in education and the world of work.
- It is tightly focused on core learning – it helps to build perseverance.
- Teachers will keep a record of children who complete homework.
- Year 6 Pupils will get additional homework, this will usually consist of arithmetic questions and some SPaG or reading comprehension questions.





# HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

Our school website:



Exciting new-look website!!

[NCEA St Michael's C of E Primary School](https://stmichaels.ncea.org.uk)  
Ask us – we don't bite!

# IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO US...

- We can pass on small pieces of information at the beginning of the day.
- If you would like to talk more in-depth, please make an appointment with the office. We're here to listen and address things as soon as possible.

