



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 5 Newsletter

### Autumn 2

We are all extremely proud of the maturity and commitment the children have shown in their learning so far this year. We know there is a lot of work to do and knowledge to gain, but we can do it (we have already made an excellent start!)

As we continue into Autumn 2, we will be exploring the vicious Viking invasion and settlement of Britain between 700 and 1100AD as we explore the key questions: 'Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?' This topic builds on our learning in Year 4 as we understand the 400-year battle between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

#### English

This half term, we will be using the award winning story: 'Odd and the Frost Giants', written by Neil Gaiman.

It brilliantly tells the adventure of a young boy that, with the help of three very unique friends, rescues the city of Asgard from the Frost Giant invasion.

Our key learning throughout this will be developing the character, building on the empathy created through our study of Mole (Wind in the Willows). We will be exploring how we can improve our 'Show Not Tell' technique using similes, metaphors and personification. We will build an understanding of how dialogue can be used to further develop our characters.

We will also begin to develop our own story-telling as we innovate the story to create a new tale.



#### Maths

This half term, children will continue with Singapore Maths, consolidating written and mental methods using all four operations (+-x÷)

Before Christmas, all children at St Mark's take an NTS Maths test. We will be using these tests to monitor and evaluate the progress the children have made in Maths this term and support the termly assessments for each child.

Weekly timestable tests will continue. Can we ask that parents support their child by allowing them to access Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

#### Reading

We know that this isn't always an easy task but, reading at home has a great impact on all areas of learning. Thank you for your help with this. To celebrate this, all children that have read at least 5 times a week at home will be entered into the Star Readers prize draw every Friday for the chance to win a book to take home.

In school, all children will continue to have daily guided reading sessions, as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.

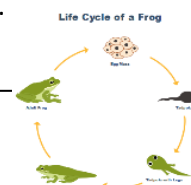
#### Homework

Please look out for your child's learning log each week. The children will continue to have selection homework. Please sign the homework log once your child has completed the week's task.

Homework will be given out every Friday and collected back in every Wednesday.

#### Science

For our Science topic this half term, we will be asking the question, "Do all living things start life as an egg?" We will look at various types of animals, such as mammals, insects, amphibians and reptiles, and compare their life cycles.



#### P.E.

Children in 5J will be having P.E. on **Mondays**. Children in 5B will be having P.E. on **Thursdays**.

Please send your child to school in the correct P.E Kit on this day.

We will be exploring Dance this half term, using the equipment and resources to build our balance and coordination.