



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



## Year 3 Newsletter

### Spring 1



During the next half term our learning challenge question will be **'Why are there docks in Liverpool but not in Stoke-on-Trent?'** This will involve the children researching and finding out about the two famous cities and making comparisons between them. They will use the information they find out to build upon their English skills from last half term and write their own non-chronological report.

### English

This term, we will be focusing on the book **The Iron Man** by Ted Hughes. This book shows how a problem story is resolved. The children will be using their previously learnt knowledge to explain how fiction books are different to non-fiction texts; what a five part story is and what skills they need to include to engage the reader.

In this unit, we will work up to writing a 5-part story, independently. The children will be improving and editing a text map and will use pictures to support their ideas. They will add to skills previously taught, updating the class toolkit as they read the book, to remind them to use these skills in their own writing.

### Maths

Over the next half term, we will continue to focus on the four main operations, +, -, x and  $\div$ . The children will be working with numbers up to 1000 and in order to solve problems successfully, they need to understand the value of each digit in a 3 digit number.

The children will need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts as they will be tested on a weekly basis. They can do this by going on Times Tables Rockstars each night at home. If you do not have your child's log in details, then please get in contact with your class teacher.

### Reading

Thank you to those parents who listen to their children read every night at home. Please remember to ask your children questions about what they have read, how the characters might be feeling and what they think will happen next.

We will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children, as well as hearing children read individually. If your child needs to change their book, it is their responsibility to inform their class teacher. Your child's book will only be changed if they are consistently reading to an adult at home.

### Science

In science this term, our focus will be on magnets. The children will learn about how magnets attract or repel each other and how some materials are attracted and others not. At the end of the term they will create a maze where they will have to move an item by only using a magnet.

### Science Key Vocabulary

Magnets, forces, attract, repel, material, pull, push, poles, north, south and friction.

### P.E.

For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn: a white tshirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. Next term the children will be learning how to actively get involved in invasion games such as football, basketball and netball.

P.E. for 3CG (Miss Curran) will be on a **MONDAY** & P.E. for 3W (Mrs Webster) will be on a **TUESDAY**