



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

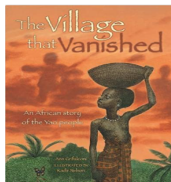
Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2

Our Learning Challenge for this term is '**What might you find on an African Adventure?**'

In our learning challenge for Summer 2, Year 4 will be exploring settlements and land use of Africa to develop our geography skills using maps, globes and atlases. We will be exploring the different countries that make up the continent of Africa and the distribution of natural resources. The children will be making an authentic African dish called a 'Tagine' in Design and Technology

English



This half term, Year 4 will be focusing on writing a 5-part story using the book above. We will be introducing different ways of starting a sentence using adverbial/prepositional phrases and to make sure that we understand the story by using role-playing activities. This is a wonderful gripping and moving tale from the history of the Yao people of East Africa.

Reading

A big thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. The school continues to see a tremendous difference to their confidence and skills within reading.

Please continue to listen to your child read every night at home. Every child who reads 5 times a week, is entered into the 'Star Reader' draw to win a free book!

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your children to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

Maths

This half term, Year 4 will sit their National Multiplication Check. Please continue to encourage your child to practise up to their 12 x 12 times tables daily.

The children will learn about the 24- hour clock this half term and practise converting between units of time such as minutes and seconds, and hours and minutes.

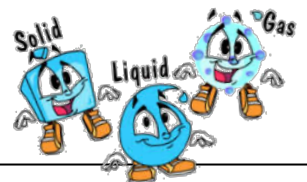
The children will also learn how to estimate and measure mass, volume and length.

Finally, Year 4 will look at money, where the children will learn how to count and record in pounds and pence, including calculating change.

Science

During this half term, Year 4 will continue exploring the three states of matter: Solids, Liquids and Gases.

We will be examining the changes that take place inside some materials as they change state. The children will be using their scientific skills of predicting, observing and evaluating to explore what can affect the speed at which changes take place.



P.E.

The children in **4B and 4W** will continue having **swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning** and will need swimming trunks (boys) or a swimming costume (girls), and a towel.

All children must wear a swimming cap.

No jewellery. Please make sure that earrings are removed on swimming days.