

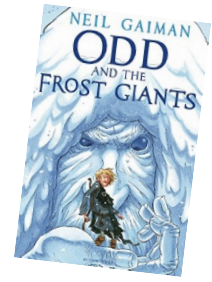


St Mark's CE Primary School

'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. 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

As we build on the knowledge and skills we developed in the first 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 will be targeted towards the further development of the character, building on the empathy created through our study of Mole (Wind in the Willows). We will be exploring how we can further improve our Show Not Tell technique through the use of similes, metaphors and personification, and build an understanding of how dialogue can be used to further develop characters.

Maths

This half term, children will continue with Singapore Maths, consolidating written and mental methods using all four operations.

Before Christmas, the children take a Maths test. We will be using these tests to monitor and evaluate the progress the children have made this term.

Weekly times tables tests will continue. Please can we ask that parents support their child by allowing them to access Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

Reading

We recognise that at times, reading is not an easy task at home, but must again stress the impact this has 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 their chance to win a book to take home.

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

Homework

Please look out for your child's learning log each week.

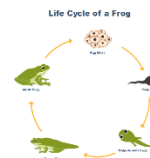
The children will continue to have the selection homework. Please sign the homework log once your child has completed the week's task.

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.

All children in Year 5 will continue to have P.E on **Wednesday**. – This half term we will be exploring Dance. Please send your child to school in their P.E Kit on this day. All earrings must be removed before coming to school.

Just a quick reminder that it is planned for the children to be Swimming following the Christmas break.

We will send further information about this just before Christmas!