



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2



This term, we will be having a focus on Geography, exploring the customs and culture of Brazil, building on our Year 4 work on deforestation. To support this, we will be learning about Brazilian fruits, the natural resources that Brazil is famous for and the attractions that pull visitors to the country. As well as exploring the music of Brazil, our DT week will involve us designing and making a costume for a Brazilian carnival.

English

Our text this half term is 'The Great Kapok Tree', written by Linda Cherry. Linda Cherry is an American author who has devoted her life to challenging deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. This story explores the thoughts of the animals that live within the forest as the woodcutters arrive. What will influence their decision?

We will use the story to help us to develop our own ability to argue, writing a persuasive letter/e-mail to convince the woodcutters to leave the forest alone. Our grammar focus will look at how paragraphs can be used to organise our written work for the reader.

Reading and Homework

Your children should now be bringing home an additional book that they have chosen from the Year 5 40 Recommended Reads. This book can be read alongside their reading book and shared with the rest of the family to develop a love of reading.

As well as this, children have their school reading book, which they should be aiming to read at least five times a week for entry into our weekly Star Readers raffle.

Thank you to those parents supporting their children with their home learning. Please remember that homework is due back in school on Wednesday each week.

Maths

For this half term, we will be focusing on geometry and measures. This includes how we classify and measure angles, naming and classifying shapes and finding the area, perimeter and volume of a selection of shapes.

Knowledge of multiplication tables and division facts is going to be essential for the children as they enter Year 6, so regular practice using Times Table Rockstars is encouraged. This will support the children in many areas of maths.

Science

Our science topic for this term focuses on Space, asking the question, "Will we ever send another human to the moon?" The children will have the opportunity to learn about the workings of the solar system and its impact on life on Earth, such as understanding day and night. We will also be finding out about the other planets in the solar system and considering what life might be like there.

P.E.

For P.E. this half term, our new focus will now be Athletics, developing the children's track and field skills, including stamina and strength. P.E. for **BOTH 5J and 5K** will be on a **Wednesday Morning**. Children are reminded to come to school in the correct P.E. kit – no football t-shirts please!