

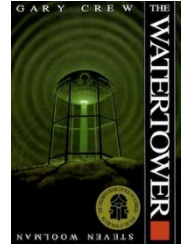


St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1



This term, we will be having a Geography focus, exploring the learning challenge question 'Will we ever see the water we drink again?' This topic looks at water and the water cycle, building on children's scientific knowledge of changes of state. We also hope to have a visit from Severn Trent Water to look at what happens to the water we use and the importance of conserving water.

English

Our work in English lessons this term centres on the text 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew, and its sequel 'Beneath the Surface.' These are a firm favourite with Year 6 due to the twists and turns of the plot. All of our writing activities will be based on these texts, giving the children the opportunity to write diaries, narratives and explanation texts.

We are keen to promote high standards of handwriting this year and will be looking out for our neatest writers to start using handwriting pen. Please encourage your child to join their handwriting, keeping it clear.

Reading and Homework

Your children should now be bringing home an additional book that they have chosen from the Year 6 Recommended Reads. This list contains 40 different books to those they read in Year 5. This book can be read alongside their reading book and shared with the rest of the family to develop the children's 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 who support their children with their home learning. A reminder that homework is due back in school on Wednesday each week.

Maths

In the early part of the term we will be consolidating the children's understanding of place value, looking at numbers up to ten million. We will also look at rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand and will learn how to multiply or divide any number by 10, 100 and 1000.

Later in the half term, we will be practising the formal methods of multiplication and division. Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables and division facts with them each day.

Science

Our science topic for this term focuses on the human circulatory system, asking the question, "What would a journey through your body be like?" The children will have the opportunity to learn about the workings of the circulatory system including the heart, lungs and blood. They will also link this to a healthy lifestyle, considering how making healthy choices impacts on the efficiency of their circulatory system.



P.E.



For P.E. this half term, Year 6 will be taking part in **Swimming** at Fenton Manor. Our swimming lessons will take place each **Wednesday**. Please ensure that children have the correct kit with them on Wednesday, including a swimming cap and towel. If your child cannot participate due to health reasons, please ensure a note is sent into school or advise a member of staff on the gate in the morning.