



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Autumn 2

Our topic this half term is geography-based, asking the question "**Time Zones: Can We Time Travel on Planet Earth?**" The topic focuses on time zones and travel on Planet Earth and looks at why in the UK we make use of daylight-saving time in the autumn.

#### English

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

The children will have a new set of homework tasks for the new half term. As always, these tasks can be completed in any order but it is essential that one task is completed each week.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

In addition, the children should make sure they are completing their spelling practise which will be sent home from their RWI session. It is essential these are practised at home. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's teacher.

#### Maths

Our mathematics this term will develop the children's understanding of decimals and fractions. This includes calculating with fractions, simplifying fractions into their simplest form and ordering decimals with up to three decimal places.

Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables and division facts with them each day.

#### Key Dates

6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening

27<sup>th</sup> November – Standon Bowers Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> November – Severn Trent Water Workshop



#### P.E.

For PE 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.