



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2



This half term the children will be focussing on **Rivers** and what is special about them. This is a geography topic where the children will have the opportunity to research the key features of a river, the journey of a river, the impact that humans have on rivers and the longest rivers around the world.

English

This half term our focus book will be all about Rivers: An incredible journey from source to sea.

The book links to the children's Geography topic and will provide them with extra knowledge about rivers.

Children will use the information and organisational skills from this book to write a non-chronological report with a clear introduction and reflective ending.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to organise their report into paragraphs by grouping similar facts together. They will continue to develop their sentences by using a range of conjunctions, openers and by selecting boastful language.

Please continue to support your child at home by asking them to share the knowledge they have learnt with you and doing research by either visiting the library or using the internet.

Reading

All children are expected to read **at least 4 times a week** at home. If they do this, they will receive a raffle ticket and will be entered into a draw for a brand-new book. Children, who read **5 times a week or more**, will also receive **5 minutes** of extra playtime on Friday.

Reading diaries need to be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read.

Maths

During this half term, children will be exploring and working with fractions. We will begin to understand fractions as division. The children will be given the opportunity to explore equivalent fractions and look at simplifying fractions before comparing fractions with different denominators.

Please encourage your child to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. They can do this by going on Times table Rockstars. If you do not have your child's log in detail, then please get in contact with your class teacher.

Science

In science this term, we will be thinking about 'How do magnets attract and repel different materials?'

The children will be able to observe and explain how magnets attract and repel different materials and will know that magnets have two poles. They will use this knowledge to make predictions about whether magnets are going to attract or repel other magnets and materials.

P.E.

P.E will be on **Friday** for both 3A and 3C. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. Next term the children will be learning how to actively get involved in invasion games such as football, cricket and netball.