



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Spring 2

Our topic this half term will be geography-based, asking the question 'Coasts: What happens where the land meets the sea?' Our learning will focus on the features of UK coastlines and highlight the positive and negative effects of tourism for coastal towns.

#### English

Over the remainder of the term, we will continue to study 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Our focus genre will be persuasive writing, with the children looking at how authors use language to influence the reader.

Towards the end of the term, we will spend some time looking at 'Love That Dog' by Sharon Creech, giving the children the opportunity to develop their poetry skills. In particular, we will be looking at narrative poetry and how prose and poetry differ.

#### Reading

To help our children become star readers, 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.

#### SATs

As we continue to progress through this term, the children will begin their preparation for their SATs tests. They may receive some additional homework and may want to start to do some revision for the tests at home. However, we would ask that you **do not use previous years' test papers as a form of revision with your child** as we use these in school as part of our preparation.

We will also be providing the children with revision books that they will be using in class to support their test preparations.

#### Maths

Our mathematics this half term will develop the children's understanding of ratio, algebra, area and perimeter.

Please continue to support your children in learning and recalling their multiplication and division facts. All the children have login details for Times Table Rockstars in their reading diaries.

#### P.E.

Year 6 will be taking part in PE lessons for the whole of this half term. Please ensure that the children come to school in the correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers) on a **Monday**. A note must be provided if your child has to miss a session due to health reasons.