



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Spring 2



Our history topic for this half term is, 'What was life like in Tudor England?'

This is a study of British history dating after 1066 and we will be exploring a significant British monarch.

Throughout our learning, we will consider the lives of the rich and poor and how events during this time period have shaped our lives today.



### English

During this half term, we will be introducing newspaper reports, which are recounts of different events. We will be using a story called, 'The Queen's Token,' which is a historical adventure set in Tudor times. There will be opportunities for the children to write newspaper articles, describing different events in Henry VIII's life.



### 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

For this half term, the children will be exploring the relationship between, fractions and decimals. They will also look at telling the time on a 24-hour clock and converting units of time including hours, minutes and seconds.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



### Science

We will be continuing to explore states of matter: solids, liquids and gases this half term. We will be examining different materials and seeing what happens to them when heated and cooled.

We will also be looking at evaporation and condensation and the roles these play in the water cycle.

### P.E.

For PE this term, Year 4 will be swimming every Wednesday morning. Please make sure your child has:

- Swimming cap and towel (all children)
- Swimming costume (girls)
- Swimming trunks not baggy Bermuda shorts (boys)