



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2

This half term we will extend our knowledge as historians. Our main question to explore is:

'Was the Titanic a tragedy or a triumph?'

We will be using our questioning skills to learn more about Captain Edward John Smith who was in charge of the Titanic when it sank. Did you know that Captain Smith was born in Hanley?

English

As skilled writers, we will develop our expertise in writing stories. During lessons we will be unpicking the class story 'The Voyage of the Titanic' and coming up with an alternative ending.

Other writing opportunities will include recounts about our Titanic workshop and a postcard about the historical event.

Please encourage your child to do their own research at home about what their journey would have been like as a first/second/third class passenger.



Maths

This half term we will be developing our knowledge of money and shape. Some ideas you could do at home to support your child:

Money: Talk about the value of the coins and notes in your purse/wallet. Which has a greater value? Go into a shop and work out how much money you will need to buy an item...think about how much change you will get back from the shopkeeper. Ask questions like: How many 10p coins have the same value as a 50p coin? (5)

Shapes: Can you name a range of 2D shapes? Which shapes can you see in your home/on your way to school? How could you describe these shapes? Could you design your own shape monster by using different shapes in your drawings?

Upcoming events...

Tuesday 4th March - A reading workshop for parents and their child with Mrs Colclough (Y2 only). This will be at 9am until 10am.

Friday 7th March - World Book Day! Please dress up as your favourite character and continue to send photos of your reading dens on Dojo.

Friday 14th March - Fire Education Workshop. Staff from Hanley Fire Station are coming into school to deliver a learning session to help children stay safe if there is a fire. (There is no charge for this.)

Tuesday 18th March - Titanic Workshop. Children will take part in a range of drama activities and learn what life was like as a passenger onboard the Titanic. (Please pay for this on ParentPay.)

Reading at home

We are noticing that a number of children are not reading at home each day.

It would be really beneficial for your child to read at home daily. Please try and read a couple of pages each day and sign their diary.

As per the new homework policy, if your child reads four times at home in a week, they will receive a raffle ticket and could win a brand new book!!

If your child reads at least five times a week they will get extra playtime with Mrs Sadler on Friday afternoon!! What a lovely opportunity now that the weather is beginning to improve.

PE

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and all jewellery items including earrings are removed. If you are unsure of what the correct PE kit is then please ask the class teacher.

Monday and Wednesday