



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1

"Where would you choose to build a city?"

During this Geography Topic, Year 4 will learn about the common features of Britain's biggest cities. They will look at why people are attracted to living in a city or a village using statistics from a census that shows population and land usages. They will use maps and atlases to support their learning.

English

This half term, our text focus will be 'The Journey Home.' We will focus on understanding how to write an explanation text by identifying the features and vocabulary. The children will write their own explanation texts based on endangered animals and living in a city.



Reading



Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We recognise, at times that this is not an easy task, but thank you for your commitment to this.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as read individually with the class teacher or support staff.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

Maths

In maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division.

We will learn how to use our times tables and knowledge of place value to multiply multiples of 10, leading to the multiplication and division of 2-digit numbers using formal written methods. Following this, the children will look at pictograms and graphs.

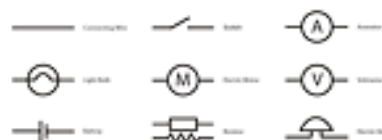
All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



Science

During this half term, Year 4 will be exploring electricity as we investigate if we might be able to live without it for a day.

Through this, the children will explore how electricity is created, how it is able to power a light bulb or motor and the many alternative sources of electricity.



PE

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)