



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Summer 2

Our topic this half term will be history-based, asking the question 'What was life like in the Mayan civilisation?' This will give us an opportunity to look at the success, downfall and legacy of this ancient civilisation. The children will interrogate a range of historical sources and use them to form their own opinions.



#### English

This half term, we will be focusing on the text 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick.' This is a wordless picture book with a bit of a mysterious back story!

Our focus will be on writing narrative and developing our use of dialogue in stories to move the story along.

We will also be looking at different types of stories and how their features might vary.

Children need to make sure that they are still reading five times a week. There is also still time to read the remainder of the Recommended Reads before the school year ends!

#### Standon Bowers Residential

Our residential takes place from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre. While the children are away, updates will be shared via ClassDojo including pictures of what the children have been up to each day.

Those children not taking part need to be in school on each of those days as lessons will continue as normal for them.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

#### Maths

Our mathematics this half term will develop the children's understanding of graphs and averages, negative numbers and recapping skills in preparation for high school. We also like to use this time for some mathematical problem solving, looking at how maths and strategy is involved in games and number problems.

Maths homework sheets will continue to be provided on a fortnightly basis.

#### High School Transition

With the end of the school year approaching, high schools are already making contact with us to discuss the children. The transition days for Stoke on Trent high schools are Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. It is parents' responsibility to drop children off and pick them up from their new high schools on these days.

Please look out for any communications from your child's new schools regarding these days.

#### 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 **Tuesday for 6J** and **Thursday for 6K**. A note must be provided if your child has to miss a session due to health reasons.