



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2



This half term the children will be focussing on the question, **Why is the Earth so angry?** This is a geography topic where the children will have the opportunity to research different natural disasters that occur around the world such as; volcanoes, tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes. We will locate areas where these types of disasters commonly happen using an atlas and research the affects they have on the communities.

English

In English this term we will be completing work based on the book "Hansel and Gretel" by Anthony Browne. This is an alternative version of the traditional tale.

Throughout these lessons the children will be creating their own version of the story, which will involve changing the main characters and the story setting. Whilst reading the story, there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to understand how the characters are feeling through role play, inferring from the pictures and the descriptive language used. A new skill the children will be taught this term is how to include speech in their writing.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to organise their story using paragraphs and develop their sentences using a range of conjunctions and openers.

You can continue to support your child at home by asking them to retell familiar traditional tales, using an alternative animal or person as the main character. If they do any writing at home please encourage them to do their best handwriting.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night. Please remember to sign and date your child's reading diary each time they read at home so they get the chance to win a new book.

Geography Key Vocabulary

Eruption, aftershock, tsunamis, magma, lava, dormant, fault, magnitude, landslide, tectonic plates, saturated.

Maths

During the next half term, the children will be exploring and working with fractions. To begin, they will learn to count in tenths and then they will start making whole numbers, before moving on to adding and subtracting fractions. By the end of the term, the children will know about equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and how to compare fractions.

Children will also need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts as they will be tested on a weekly basis.

Science

In science this term we will be learning "**What is remarkable about rocks and splendid about soil?**" We will research how important they are in our lives and how we use them every day.

Science Key Vocabulary

Igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, bacteria, fungi fossilisation, palaeontology, decay, sand, erodes.

P.E.

P.E. will be on a **Monday for 3CG** and **Tuesday for 3W**. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct P.E. kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. Next term the children will be learning how to strike and field a ball. They will learn these skills through games such as rounders and cricket.