



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter

Summer 2



During the next half term, our learning challenge question will be 'Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?'. In this topic we will study different European countries and look at their culture, artwork, food and music. The children will have the opportunity to compare the European countries to where we live.

English

Our book this half term is: The Snorgh and the Sailor, by Will Buckingham and Thomas Docherty.

During English lessons, we will be creating poems using our imagination and our senses. The children will then have the opportunity to perform on the stage in the hall.

To end the children's Year 3 learning in English, we will ask them to continue the Snorghs adventure by writing a 5 part story that will allow the children to use all of the writing skills they have learnt this year.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. We have noticed that this is having a very positive impact on their progress.

In school, we will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children as well as hearing children read individually.

Science

In science this term we will be focussing on light. The children will learn about how light travels, how shadows are formed and how to keep themselves safe when in the sun.

P.E.

3CG – Monday
3W - Tuesday

This half term the children will be focusing on skills needed for athletics.

For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct P.E. kit needs to be worn. This includes their **blue school jumpers** and dark bottoms.

Maths

Over the half term, we will be learning about time, perimeter and shapes.

We will also be recapping our mathematical knowledge that we have learnt this year. It would be helpful if you could engage your child at home with maths in their everyday lives. For example, ask them to count the change you receive from a shop or ask them what time it is at different points throughout the day.

The children will need to continue to practise their 3, 4, 6 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. Please encourage your child to go on Times Tables Rock stars, as there will be competitions throughout the summer term within school and with other schools.

Key vocabulary

Learning challenge

continent, country, capital city, Europe, food, music, weather, landmark, travel, aeroplane

Science

light, source, dark, travels, illuminates, emits, transparent, opaque, translucent, shadow

