



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1

"Where would you 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.

English

The children continue to make good progress in Year 4, as they develop and apply the skills needed in both reading and writing, including the use of different sentence structures.

Our text focus this half term will be '**The Journey Home**'. We will focus on understanding how to write an explanation by identifying the features and picking out all of the key vocabulary by looking at the characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives through diary entries (using APE). Then we will look at planning and composing our own explanation text. In addition, the children will continue to work on their spellings during their RWI sessions. Could we please ask that the children practise their weekly spellings at home.

Maths

During this half term, Year 4 will focus on further developing their understanding of multiplication and division. We will learn how to divide and multiply by 1 and 0. We will use their times tables and knowledge of place value to multiply multiples of 10, leading to the multiplication of 2 digit numbers using short multiplication. This will include using practical equipment to develop a clear understanding of how to multiply and divide. Children will continue to practise all of their times tables (to x12).

Please remind your children to access **Times Table Rockstars** if they are able to do so.

Y3 & 4 City Times Table Rockstar competition starts **16th January 12pm** and ends **20th January 3pm**. Play between **12.00-19.00** to help our school to win.

Reading

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

Children need to be reading to an adult at home at least 5 times a week to be entered into the Star Readers draw.

This half term, the children will continue to have daily guided reading sessions, in groups, as well as being heard individually.

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

Science

During this half term Year 4 will be exploring Electricity as we investigate if we might be able to live without electricity 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.



P.E.

For children in **4W**, P.E. will be on a **Wednesday** and **4B** will be on a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. Kit on their P.E. day. Our P.E. kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt, school jumper and black pumps or trainers.

Jewellery should not be worn for P.E.