



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1

For the Autumn term, Year 5 will be looking at rivers and trying to answer the question, "Why is the River Trent important to Stoke on Trent?" Throughout the topic, we will locate some of the major rivers of the world, learn how rivers are formed and create our own landscape painting with water colours

English

This term, Year 5 will be looking at *Wind in the Willows*. This book follows the adventures of Mole as he makes his way into a new world, meeting lots of interesting characters along the way. The skills we will be developing are narrative and letter writing.



Reading

All children are expected to read **5 times a week** at home. Their reading diary should be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read. It is very important that children develop their reading skills as it helps them with **spelling, vocabulary** and opens a whole new world of books they can enjoy! If you forget your reading book, please choose another book you have at home such as a comic, recipe book or magazine - all reading counts

Maths

We will begin the year by looking at **place value and numbers up to 1 million**. The children will use concrete resources to help them such as counters, dienes and place value columns. We will also be sending home Maths work as part of homework each **Friday**, which needs to be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**.

Science

Our science topic for this half term is "**Could you be the next CSI investigator**". In this unit, we will be looking at different materials, such as solids, liquids and gases and how they change and react to hot and cold temperatures. We will conduct several experiments and think how this knowledge might help us to solve a mystery!

P.E.

PE will take place on a **Thursday morning**. On this day, children may come to school in PE kit, which is: **plain white t-shirt** (no football shirts or designs), **black shorts or jogging trousers** (no leggings for girls) and suitable **trainers**.