



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

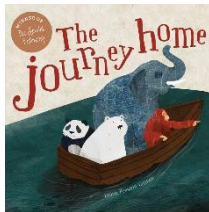
Spring 1

The UK: Who are we?

Our geography topic this half term focuses on a local area study. It will help develop pupils' ideas of features and patterns of land use in the UK, know what migration is and why people might migrate and to understand the global links that we have in our local area.

English

This half-term, our text focus will be 'The Journey Home.' We will focus on understanding how to write an explanation text and persuasive letters by identifying the features and vocabulary. The children will write their own explanation texts and persuasive letters throughout the half term.



Reading

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

All children that read 5 times a week are put into our weekly raffle to win a brand-new book.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as individual readers with the class teacher or support staff.



Maths

In maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of multiplication and division. We will use our knowledge of times tables and apply this to formal written methods.

Following this, the children will look at pictograms and graphs.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



Science

Our topic for science this half term will be exploring states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will be examining the changes that take place inside some materials as they change state.

We will also be using our scientific skills of predicting, observing and evaluating to explore what can affect the speed at which changes take place.

P.E.

For PE this term, Year 4 will be swimming every Wednesday morning beginning on Wednesday 15th January. See ClassDojo for more information - Please make sure your child has:

- Swimming cap and towel (all children)
- Swimming costume (girls)
- Swimming trunks not baggy Bermuda shorts (boys)