



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter

Summer 1



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 this unit our focus book will be: Earth shattering events, by Robin Jacobs. The book links to the children's Geography topic and will provide them with extra knowledge about natural disasters.

Children will use the information and organisational skills from this book to write a non-chronological report with a clear introduction and reflective ending.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to organise their report into paragraphs by grouping similar facts together. They will continue to develop their sentences by using a range of conjunctions and openers and by selecting boastful language.

Please continue to support your child at home by asking them to share the knowledge they have learnt with you, and doing research by either visiting the library or using the internet. If they do any writing at home, please encourage your child 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, tsunami, magma, lava, dormant, fault, magnitude, landslide, tectonic plates, saturated.

Maths

During the next half term, the children will be learning about time, recognising when to use am and pm and the 24-hour clock. They will then look at measure, understanding mass and volume. Before moving onto money, using their prior learning with addition and subtraction.

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 answering the question **Why is Usain Bolt so fast?** We will research all about the bones and muscles inside our bodies and how they work together, as well recapping previous knowledge about the types of foods we should eat.

Science Key Vocabulary

Muscles, bones, ligaments, joints, ball and socket, hormones, skeleton, organs.

P.E.

P.E will be on a Monday for 3C and Tuesday for 3Z. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. This term the children will be learning striking and fielding skills, with a focus on rounders and quick cricket.