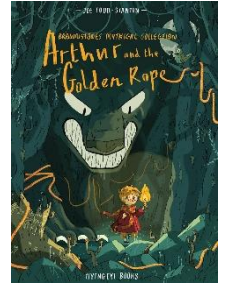




St. Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1



This half term, our History question is: 'Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?' We will explore the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. By the end of this half term, children will be able to identify where the Vikings originated from and be able to explain the conflict between the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons.

English

In English this half term, we will be reading *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Todd-Stanton. This book is a historical fiction adventure book that follows a young boy called Arthur, who embarks on an epic journey to the age of the Vikings.

We will explore how to write and structure quest narrative texts, building on their descriptive writing skills to tell a story. We will also continue practicing how to group events into paragraphs. As the unit progresses, we will plan and write narrative texts, which will be edited and improved through redrafts. By the end of this half term, children will have produced well-structured and imaginative quest narratives using their descriptive writing skills, inspired by *Arthur and the Golden Rope*.

Reading

Thank you to all the parents and carers who support their children by listening to them read each night. We have seen a vast improvement in children's reading progress! Please remember to sign and date your child's reading diary every time they read at home, as this ensures they are entered into the raffle to win a new book.

Maths

In Maths this half term, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of measurement through volume, money and time. As the term progresses, they will move on to statistics, focusing on pictograms and bar graphs. They will use terminology such as data and quantity as they begin to read and draw different graphs.

Regular practice of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables, along with related division facts, is essential. Children are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each evening. Please contact the class teacher for login details.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at Rocks. We will develop our learning further by looking at the research question: 'What do rocks tell us about the Earth and its history?'

Throughout the unit, the children will work scientifically by observing different rocks and setting up practical enquiries and fair tests. By the end of the unit, the children will know the names and properties of different types of rocks and will be able to describe what soil is.

P.E.

P.E. lessons for 3A will take place on **Fridays**.

P.E. lessons for 3C will take place on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

All earrings must be removed at home, and children should come to school wearing the correct P.E. kit: a white T-shirt, black joggers or leggings, and their school jumper.

This half term, children will be focusing on the net and wall game of tennis. They will learn key skills such as racket control, hitting a ball and how to score points. By the end of the unit, they will be able to play independently and collaboratively with their team to play competitive games.