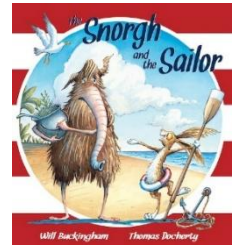




# St. Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 3 Newsletter Summer 2



This half term, our Geography question is: '**Climate Zones: What are they and why do they matter?**' We will explore the different climate zones and use vocabulary such as lines of latitude, equator, polar regions, and tropics. By the end of this half term, children will be able to use maps, atlases and globes to locate climate zones and describe their features.

### English

In English this half term, we will be reading *The Snorgh and The Sailor* by Will Buckingham and Thomas Docherty. This book is a fiction text about a Snorgh who is whisked away on an adventure by a mysterious sailor.

We will explore how to write and structure letters, building on their descriptive writing skills to fulfil a purpose. We will also continue practicing how to group events into paragraphs. As the unit progresses, we will plan and write letters of thanks, which will be edited and improved through redrafts. By the end of this half term, children will have produced well-structured and imaginative narrative letters using their descriptive writing skills, inspired by *The Snorgh and The Sailor*.

### 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 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. As the term progresses, they will move on to geometry, looking at the properties of different shapes.

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

### Science

In Science this half term, we will be looking at Light. We will develop our learning further by looking at the research question: 'How do we use light to make shadows?'

Throughout the unit, the children will work scientifically by investigating light sources and setting up practical enquiries and fair tests. By the end of the unit, the children will know how shadows are created and changed.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons for 3A and 3C will take place on **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 shorts, joggers or leggings, and their school jumper.

This half term, children will be focusing on athletics. They will develop basic key skills such as running, jumping and throwing. By the end of the unit, they will think about how to achieve their greatest possible speed, distance or accuracy and learn how to persevere to achieve their personal best.