



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

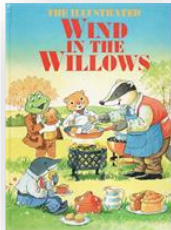
Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1

For this half term, Year 5 will be focusing on **geography** and trying to answer the question, **"Natural Resources: what are they, where are they found and why are they important?"** Throughout the term, we will be looking at where natural resources are found, what we use them for, whether they are renewable or not and what impact they have on our planet.

English

This term, Year 5 will be looking at *The 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 diary 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 your child forgets their 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 additional Maths work as part of homework each **Friday**, which needs to be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**.

Science

For our science topic this term, Year 5 will be considering the question, **"What makes materials useful and how can we change them?"** Throughout this topic, the children will be looking at a variety of materials, discussing and testing their properties to understand how we use this knowledge to develop products that can help us in our daily lives.

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** and suitable plain black or white **trainers**.