

# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



# Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1



# Welcome to Year 3!

During the first half term, our main question in history will be 'Who were the Early Britons?'. This will be a study of the early settlers that lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children will have the opportunity to record dates on a timeline, research information relating to the topic, make and taste food eaten by the Early Britons and take part in a creative workshop led by an expert.

# **English**

In English, our class text for this term will be 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. An adventure story about an action figure and his pet.

Once the children have read the story, they will begin to write a narrative with a descriptive focus. This will include the use of the correct tense, expanded noun phrases and descriptive language.

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Throughout the year, the children will also be taught new handwriting joins, and these will be expected to be seen in all pieces of work, including their homework.

## Reading

Thank you to those parents who continue to hear their children read every night. It makes a tremendous difference to their reading and the children will progress greatly with your support. During the school day, your child will be heard reading in guided reading sessions and individually.

#### History Key Vocabulary

Stone age, Bronze age, Iron age, huntergatherer, roundhouse, pre-history, Early Britons,

#### Maths

Throughout this half term we will focus on understanding the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number and time. Before moving onto addition and subtraction. Skills taught in year 2 will also be revisited.

At home, the children need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. They can do this by logging into Times Table Rockstars.

#### Science

In science this term our focus will be on plants. The children will learn about seed dispersal, the different parts of a plant and their functions.

#### Science Key Vocabulary

Seeds, anther, filament, ovary, nectar, stigma, stamen, dispersal

Make sure your children get to school on time, so that they can earn their Dojo!

#### P.E.

P.E will be on a <u>Friday</u> for both 3A and 3C. 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 half term children will be doing gymnastics, securing their techniques in rolls, jumps and shapes, as well as using apparatus.