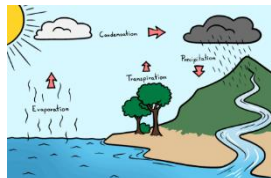




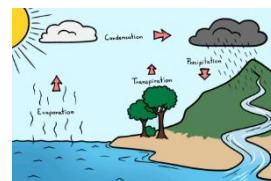
St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2



This half term, our Geography question is: "What is the water cycle and why is it important?" We will explore how the water cycle connects to climate and weather, natural resources, physical processes, and rivers. Children will also make links to their previous learning in Year 2, when they investigated "What is it like at the North and South Poles?"

English

This term, we will be focusing on the book '**Iron Man**' by Ted Hughes. This book shows how a problem story is resolved. The children will be using their previously learnt knowledge to explain how fiction books are different to non-fiction texts; what a five-part story is and what skills they need to include to engage the reader.



In this unit, children will work on writing a narrative with a dialogue focus. The children will draft the first chapter using their newly taught skills. This will be uplevelled by editing and redrafting their work.

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.

Geography Key Vocabulary

process, liquid, water cycle, precipitation, purified, interconnected, energy, trade, settlement

Maths

Over the next half term, we will continue to explore the four main operations, continuing with subtraction, before moving onto looking at multiplication and division.

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 how our skeletons and muscles work together to help us move. The children will learn about human nutrition and skeletal and muscle movements.

Science Key Vocabulary

skeleton, organs, skulls spine, ribs, endoskeleton, exoskeleton, muscles, tendons, joints, biceps, triceps, nutrients

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

P.E.

P.E will be on a Friday 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, black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. This half term, children will be doing dance, thinking about how to use choreographing ideas to develop our dance.