



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Our topic this half term is geography-based, focusing on **Time Zones and Earthquakes**. We look at how time zones differ across the world and consider how they affect the real-world context of travel. We then go on to look at earthquakes: why they happen, how they are measured and the devastation they can cause.

English

Our work in English this term centres on the text 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew, and its sequel 'Beneath the Surface.' This unit is a firm favourite with Year 6 due to the twists and turns of the plot. All our writing activities will be based on these texts, giving the children the opportunity to write narratives and explanation texts.

We are keen to promote high standards of handwriting this year and will be looking out for our neatest writers to start using handwriting pen. Please encourage your child to join their handwriting, keeping it clear.

Reading and Homework

The children will have two homework tasks set each week, both linked to work that we have been doing in class. Please check Class Dojo for further weekly guidance on homework tasks.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Dojo points are awarded for completion of homework.

In addition, the children should make sure they are completing their spelling practice which will be sent home from their RWI session. It is essential these are practised at home. If you are unsure, please speak to your

Maths

Our mathematics this term will develop the children's understanding of decimals and fractions. This includes calculating with fractions, simplifying fractions into their simplest form and ordering decimals with up to three decimal places.

Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables and division facts with them each day.

Standon Bowers

Our parent information meeting for our residential trip to Standon Bowers is taking place on **Wednesday 19th November at 2.30pm**. It is an essential opportunity to find out more about this opportunity for your child.

Please arrive at school by 2.25pm so the meeting can start promptly.

P.E.

For PE this half term, Year 6 will be taking part in **Swimming** at Fenton Manor. Our swimming lessons will take place each **Wednesday**. Please ensure that children have the correct kit with them on Wednesday, including a swimming cap and towel. If your child cannot participate due to health reasons, please ensure a note is sent in to school or advise a member of staff on the gate in the morning.