



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1



This half term the children will be focussing on **The Vikings** - looking at the question - **Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?** For this topic, children will explore life in Britain during the Viking invasion, how the Vikings ruled over Britain, where they first came from and their religious beliefs.

English

In this unit our focus book will be **Arthur and the Golden Rope**.

The book links to the children's History topic and will provide them with extra knowledge about the Vikings.

Children will use the information and story book features from this book to write a quest narrative.

Whilst writing, the children will be expected to use previously taught skills such as, direct speech and adverbs. They will continue to develop their sentences by using a range of subordinating conjunctions, co-ordinating conjunctions and prepositions.

Please continue to support your child at home by asking them to share the knowledge they have learnt with you and doing research by either visiting the library or using the internet.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night. Please remember to sign and date your child's reading diary each time they read at home, so they get the chance to win a new book and have extra play on a Monday afternoon!

Maths

During this short half term, children will be completing the measurements topic, looking at capacity and volume, as well as lines, shapes and statistics. When looking at statistics, children will learn how to read tables and graphs, before answering questions on the information presented.

Please encourage your child to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. They can do this by going on Times Table Rockstars. If you do not have your child's log in details, then please get in contact with the class teacher.

Science

In Science this term, we will be thinking about 'What do rocks tell us about the Earth and its history?'

The children will be able to compare and identify different types of rocks, explain how fossils and soil are formed, as well as the properties. They will use this knowledge to explore how different rocks are formed over time, conducting experiments to test the permeability and durability.

P.E.

P.E will be on **Wednesday** 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. The children will be learning how to actively get involved in net and wall games, such as tennis.