



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter

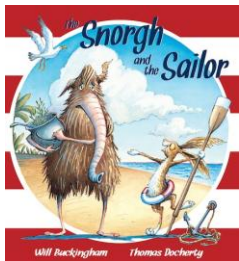
Summer 2



During the next half term, our Geography focus question will be 'Climate zones: what are they and why do they matter?' In this topic, we will study different climate zones around the world. Looking at how the Earth's position affects climates, the difference between climate zones and biomes and how plants and animals have adapted to live in different biomes. From this, children should then recognise how sudden changes in climates affect living things.

English

Our book this term is: *The Snorgh and the Sailor*, by Will Buckingham and Thomas Docherty.



During English lessons, the children will be using the book to support them writing descriptive poetry about the adventures of the Snorgh and the Sailor. The children will also have to use their imagination and their senses to create a vivid picture for the reader.

The children will then have the opportunity to perform on the stage in the hall their creations in front of their peers.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. We have noticed that this is having a very positive impact on their progress.

In school, we will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children as well as hearing children read individually.

Geography Key Vocabulary

Equator, poles, latitude, climate, biomes, climate zones, weather, adapt, environment, climate change

Maths

Over the next half term, the children will be learning about area, perimeter, time and shapes.

We will also be recapping our mathematical knowledge that we have learnt this year. It would be helpful if you could engage your child at home with maths in their everyday lives. For example, ask them to count the change you receive from a shop keeper or ask them what time it is at different points throughout the day.

The children will need to continue to practise their 3, 4, and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. Please encourage your child to go on Times Table Rock Stars to help them improve their recall fluency.

Science

In science this term we will be focussing on light and shadow. The children will learn about how light travels and how shadows are formed

Science Key Vocabulary

light, source, dark, travels, illuminates, emits, transparent, opaque, translucent, shadow

P.E.

P.E will be on continue to be on Friday for both 3C and 3A. 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 term, the children will be learning striking and fielding skills, with a focus on rounders and quick cricket.