



St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1



ORCHARD
—Community Trust—
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This half term, our History question is: 'Who were the Early Britons?'. We will explore how early settlers lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. By the end of this half term, children will have had the opportunity to record dates on a timeline, research information, make and taste food eaten by the Early Britons and take part in a creative workshop led by an expert.

ENGLISH

In English this half term, we will be reading *Traction Man is Here* by Mini Grey. This book is a fiction text about the adventures of a superhero action hero and his pet.

We will explore how to write and structure a narrative text, building on their writing skills to fulfil a purpose. This will include the use of the correct tense, expanded noun phrases and descriptive language. As the unit progresses, we will plan and write different fictional texts that fit within the story, which will be edited and improved through redrafts. By the end of this half term, children will have produced well-structured and imaginative narrative texts using their descriptive writing skills, inspired by *Traction Man is Here*.

MATHS

In Maths this half term, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of place value, focusing on 3-digit numbers. They will use terminology such as hundreds, tens, and ones. As the term progresses, they will move on to addition and subtraction within the hundreds. Key Year 2 skills will also be revisited throughout.

Regular practice of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables, along with related division facts, is essential. Children are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each evening. Please contact the class teacher for login details.

READING

Thank you to all the parents and carers who support their children by listening to them read each 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 individually and in Guided Reading sessions.



Please check ClassDojo regularly for news, events, reminders and information. Turn on your app notifications so you don't miss out!

SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we will be looking at Plants. We will develop our learning further by looking at the research question: 'How do plants use seeds to travel and grow in new places?'.

Throughout the unit, the children will work scientifically by setting up practical enquiries and fair tests. By the end of the unit, the children will know the functions of plant parts, and how plants grow and move.



PE

P.E. lessons for 3C and 3T will take place on Wednesdays. All earrings must be removed at home, and children should come to school wearing the correct P.E. kit: a white T-shirt, black joggers or leggings, and their school jumper.

This half term, children will be focusing on gymnastics. They will develop basic key skills such as balancing, rolling and jumping. By the end of the unit, they will be able to sequence a gymnastics performance, working collaboratively with others to use matching and contrasting actions and shapes.

