



St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1



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For this half term, Year 5 will be focusing on geography and trying to answer the question, “Natural Resources: what are they, where are they found and why are they important?” Throughout the term, we will be looking at where natural resources are found, what we use them for, whether they are renewable or not and what impact they have on our planet.

ENGLISH

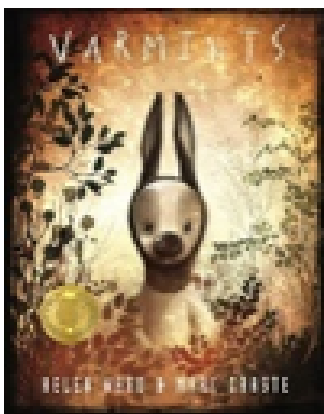
This term in English, Year 5 are exploring *Varmints* by Helen Ward. Through this powerful story, we will explore the relationship between nature and the world around us, developing vocabulary and reading skills along the way. The children will write in a range of genres, including descriptive writing, diaries and persuasive letters, while considering important themes such as change, nature and protecting what we value.

READING AND HOMEWORK

We encourage all Year 5 children to read at home at least five times each week with an adult.

Regular reading helps children build their fluency, vocabulary and confidence, so please take time to discuss what they are reading together.

Homework will be sent home each Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support!



MATHS

This term in Maths, Year 5 will be developing their understanding of place value and working confidently with numbers up to one million. We will explore how numbers are represented and compare, order and round them. The children will also strengthen their calculation skills, using the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division – to solve problems and apply their mathematical thinking.



SCIENCE

For our science topic this term, Year 5 will be considering the question, “What makes materials useful and how can we change them?” Throughout this topic, the children will be looking at a variety of materials, discussing and testing their properties to understand how we use this knowledge to develop products that can help us in our daily lives.



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

PE

PE will take place each **Monday for 5A & Friday for 5K.**

On this day, children must come to school in PE kit: plain white t-shirt (no football shirts or designs), black shorts or jogging trousers and suitable plain black or white trainers.



PE KIT



Plain white T-shirt

Black shorts or joggers

Plain black or white trainers



Please ensure all items are comfortable and suitable for physical activity.

