



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2



Was the Titanic a triumph or a tragedy?

This half term, we are learning about the Titanic. We will explore what the children already know, what made the ship special, and what life was like on board for different classes. We will also learn about the Titanic's journey, why it sank, why so few people were saved, and how changes were made to improve safety at sea after the disaster.

English

Over the half term, the children will be learning to write a narrative based on the Titanic. They will develop key writing skills, including using commas to separate items in a list and using subordination and coordination such as and, but, because, so, who, or, which, and if to extend their ideas. The children will practise writing expanded noun phrases to add detail and description, and they will learn to use progressive verb forms in the present and past tense (such as is, are, was, and were) to show ongoing action in their storytelling.

Please help your child to learn their spellings each week for their home learning tasks. It will really help them with their writing in lessons.

Reading

Please make sure that your child reads every night and that their diary is signed by an adult. If your child reads more than four times a week, they will get a raffle ticket in the weekly prize draw, and they could win a brand-new book!

Reading rewards:

Once = 1 dojo

Twice = 2 dojos

Three times = 3 dojos

Four times = 4 dojos and a raffle ticket

Five or more times = 5 dojos and a raffle ticket

Maths

To start the new half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of word problems, using addition, multiplication, subtraction, and division. The children will apply their skills to real-life contexts, including money and 2D and 3D shapes, to help them choose the correct operation and explain their thinking.

Towards the end of the half term, we will recap key skills taught during the Autumn and Spring term to support assessment preparation and review learning.

Please ask your child to show you the strategies they are being taught in maths lessons and use these to support them in completing their home learning tasks.

Please make sure your child is accessing TTRS weekly.

Home Learning Logs

As a school we are having a huge focus on home learning and we can't wait to see the fantastic work you produce!

Homework will be sent home on a Friday. Children need to complete and return it to school by the following Wednesday.

At the end of each half term, a project homework task will be set on class dojo for the children to complete. We can't wait to see their creativity!

P.E.

For PE please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the appropriate kit and that they are not wearing earrings.

2C Mrs Colclough & 2T Miss Tench – Monday