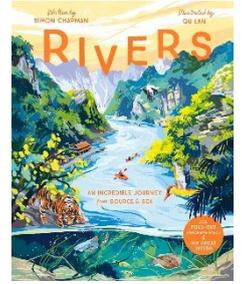




St. Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2



This half term, our Geography question is: 'Rivers: What's special about them?' We will explore how water moves through our environment, around the world and the importance of rivers. By the end of this half term, children will be able to identify different rivers on the map and explain the environmental impact of these water sources.

English

In English this half term, we will be reading *Rivers: An incredible journey from source to sea* by Simon Chapman. This book is a non-fiction text that presents geographical facts about rivers across every continent.

We will explore how to write and structure non-chronological texts, building on our Year 1 and Year 2 knowledge of writing fact files and factual sentences. We will be practicing how to group ideas into paragraphs under different sub-headings.

As the unit progresses, we will research, plan, and write non-chronological reports, which will be edited and improved through redrafts. By the end of this half term, children will have produced researched and well-structured non-fiction texts.

Maths

In Maths this half term, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of measurement in length, mass, and volume. As the term progresses, they will also move on to fractions. They will be able to use terminology such as numerator and denominator as they begin to relate fractions to their division learning. They will also be able to compare, order, add and subtract throughout the unit.

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. We have seen a vast improvement in children's reading progress! Please remember to sign and date your child's reading diary every time they read at home, as this ensures they are entered into the raffle to win a new book.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be continuing our learning about forces and magnets. We will develop our learning further by looking at the research question: 'How do magnets attract and repel different materials?'

Throughout the unit, the children will take part in a range of practical investigations and experiments, helping them to develop their scientific thinking skills by making predictions, observing results, and drawing conclusions.

P.E.

P.E. lessons for both 3A and 3C will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. 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 striking and fielding in cricket. They will practice the previously taught skills of throwing and catching and learn how to bowl and strike. By the end of the unit, they will be able to play collaboratively with their team to play competitive games.