



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 1



Welcome to Year 3! Hope you all had a great break!

Over the first half term, our learning challenge question will be 'Who first lived in Britain?' which will be a study of the early settlers that lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children will have the opportunity to record dates on a timeline, research information relating to the topic, make and taste food eaten by the Early Britons and create their own cave paintings.

### English

In English, our class text for this term will be 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey. An adventure story about an action figure and his pet.

Once the children have read the story they will create their own story maps and write an alternative five part narrative. This will include the use of the correct tense, adverbs and descriptive language.

Throughout the year, the children will also be taught new handwriting joins and these will be expected to be seen in all pieces of work, including their homework.

### Reading

Thank you to those parents who continue to hear their children read every 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 in guided reading sessions and individually.

### Maths

Throughout this half term we will focus on understanding the place value of each digit in a 3 digit number and time. Before moving onto addition and subtraction. Skills taught in year 2 will also be revisited.

At home, the children need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. They can do this by logging into Times Table Rockstars. They will be tested on a weekly basis.

### Science

In science this term our focus will be on plants. The children will learn about seed dispersal, the different parts of a plant and their functions.

### Dinner Money

Please send any dinner money in envelopes labelled with your child's name and class.

At break times, children can bring in a snack bar or fruit from home.

### P.E.

P.E. lessons for 3W will be on a Wednesday and for 3CG a Thursday. Earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn.