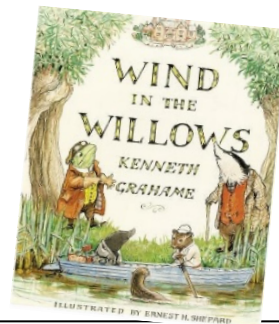




St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 1



During our geography lessons this half-term, we will focus on the origins and formation of rivers, together with their importance to human life and the cities that have built around them. To support this learning, we will begin to learn about the water cycle, building on our learning in Year 4 about the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will use water to paint with and also use it to make music.

Literacy

Linking with our river studies in Geography, our class text this half-term is 'The Wind in the Willows,' by Kenneth Grahame (first published in 1908.) It is a wonderful story that explores the relationships between a group of friends (Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad) as they get up to mischief exploring the world together.

We will use this story to help us develop our own ability to tell stories, writing a story narrative that explores a new adventure for the group. This work will build on our descriptive learning as we seek to improve the images we create for our readers.

To support this, our key focuses will be on the use of paragraphs to change time or place, and using both action and speech to develop the characters within our stories. We can't wait to get started.

PE

Children in Year 5 will be having P.E on **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in the correct P.E Kit on this day as they will be staying in their P.E Kit for the whole day.

We will be exploring Gymnastics this half-term, using the equipment and resources to build our balance and coordination.

Science

For our Science topic this half term we will be asking the question, 'Could you be the next CSI investigator?'

We will look at changing states including reversible and irreversible changes. From this, we will explore how investigators use science to catch a criminal, including finger printing and DNA.

Maths

In Year 5, your children will continue with Singapore Maths, which is the Maths programme that was introduced to the children in Year 1.

During this term, the key focus of our Maths learning will be Place Value as we begin to work with numbers to 1,000,000. We will use this understanding to find more or less, and round numbers to the nearest 10,000, 100,000 or 1,000,000.

Following this, we continue to work on our written methods of addition and subtraction.

Weekly times table tests will also continue. Can we ask that parents support their child further by allowing them to access Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

Reading

We appreciate that at times this is not an easy task at home, but know the great impact this has on learning. Thank you for your commitment with this. To recognise this, children that are able to read at least 5 times a week at home will be entered into the Star Readers draw on a Friday, for their chance to win a book to take home.

In school, all children will continue to have daily guided reading sessions, as well as individual readers with the class teacher or support staff.

Homework

Please look out for your child's learning log each week. They need to choose one task each week and tasks should be signed off by an adult at home before it is returned.

Homework will be given out every Friday, and collected back in every Wednesday.

