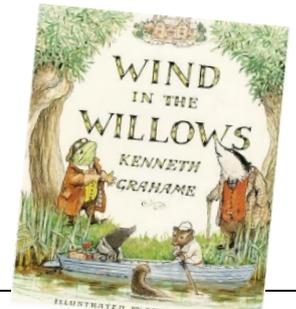




St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1



This half term the children will be focusing on the learning challenge question, **"Will you ever see the water you drink again?"** The topic looks at water and the water cycle, building on children's scientific knowledge of changes of state.

English

Our work in English lessons this term centres on the text 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. This is a firm favourite with Year 6 due to the twists and turns of the plot. All of our writing activities will be based on the text, giving the children the opportunity to write diaries, narratives and explanation texts.

We are keen to promote high standards of handwriting this year and will be looking out for our neatest handwriters to start using pen.

Please encourage your child to join their handwriting, keeping it clear.



Maths

In the early part of the term we will be consolidating the children's understanding of place value, looking at numbers up to ten million. We will also look at rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand and will learn how to multiply or divide any number by 10, 100 and 1000.

Please continue to support your child by practising their times tables and division facts with them each day.



Reading

To help the children to become Star Readers, we ask them to read at home each night to an adult. Please ensure that their reading diary is filled in and signed. We will hear each child read at least once a week in school and encourage the children to read a book for pleasure alongside their school reading book.



Homework



The children will soon start to receive their learning log homework. In Year 6, the children have a list of activities that they should complete over the half term. We will be picking pieces of homework to display in school, so we expect children to take pride in their work.

Homework books will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

PE

For PE this term, Year 6 will be swimming every Wednesday morning. Please make sure your child has:

- Swimming cap and towel (all children)
- Swimming costume (girls)
- Swimming trunks not baggy Bermuda shorts (boys)