



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



## Year 3 Newsletter Summer 1



During the next half term our learning challenge question will be 'Who's the Mummy?' which will be a study of Ancient Egyptian lifestyles, their beliefs and practices.

The children will have the opportunity to create a fact file all about Egypt, research facts about an archaeologist, the famous pyramids and design/make their own Egyptian Mummy.

### English

In English last term, we started looking at Ted Hughes 'The Iron Man', writing character and setting descriptions before creating our own iron creatures. This term we will continue to focus on the story 'The Iron Man'.

Once the children have recapped what they already know about The Iron Man, they will create their own story maps, box up their ideas and write an alternative five part story. This will include the use of the correct tense, adverbs and descriptive language. The children will also aim to include sentences of different lengths.



### Maths

Over the next half term, we will continue to focus on multiplication and division, before moving onto fractions. Children will be exploring equivalent fractions and learning how to simplify them.

The children will need to continue to practise their **2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6 and 8** multiplication tables and the related division facts as they will be tested on a weekly basis. These can be practised on the following website <https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school>



### Science



In science this term, our focus will be on magnets. The children will learn about how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

### Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. We have noticed that this is having a very positive impact on their progress.

We will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children as well as hearing children read individually.

### Key vocabulary

These are some of the key words which the children will be using throughout the spring term:

#### **Learning challenge:**

Egypt, Egyptian, ancient, hieroglyphics, pyramid, pharaoh, desert and tomb.

#### **Science:**

Magnets, forces, attract, repel, material, pull, push, poles, north, south and friction.

### P.E.

This term, P.E will be on a Tuesday for 3E and a Thursday for 3B. Children need to come into school in their kit on that day. For both P.E. sessions earrings **need** to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn.