



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



## Year 3 Newsletter Spring 1



During the next half term, our learning challenge question will be 'Why are there docks in Liverpool but not in Stoke-on-Trent?' This will involve the children researching and finding out about the two famous cities and making comparisons between them. They will use the information they find out to write their own non-chronological report at the end of the term.

### English

This term, we will be focusing on the book Iron Man by Ted Hughes. This book shows how a problem story is resolved. The children will be using their previously learnt knowledge to explain how fiction books are different to non-fiction texts; what a five-part story is and what skills they need to include to engage the reader.

The unit will work up to writing a fictional 5-part story independently. The children will be improving and editing a text map and will use pictures to support their ideas. They will add a range of skills into a class toolkit as they read the book, to remind them to use the skills in their own writing.

### Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. Please remember to ask your children questions about what they have read.

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

### Maths

Over the next half term, we will continue to focus on the four main operations, +, -, x and ÷.

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.

### 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.

### Key vocabulary

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

**Learning challenge** - Liverpool, Docks, landmark, River Mersey.

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

### P.E.

P.E will be on a Tuesday for both classes. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn.