



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

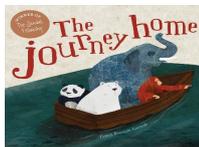
## Year 4 Newsletter

### Spring 1

#### "Where would you build a city?"

During this geography topic, Year 4 will learn about the common features of Britain's biggest cities. They will look at why people are attracted to living in a city or a village using statistics from a census that shows population and land usages. They will use maps and atlases to support their learning.

#### English



Our text focus, this half term, will be 'The Journey Home'. We will focus on understanding how to write an explanation. We will pick out all the key vocabulary by looking at the characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives through diary entries. Then, we will look at planning and composing our own explanation text. In addition, the children will continue to work on their spellings during RWI sessions. Could we please ask that the children practise their weekly spellings at home.

#### Maths

During this half term, year 4 will focus on further developing their understanding of multiplication and division. We will learn how to divide and multiply by 1 and 0. We will use times tables and knowledge of place value to multiply multiples of 10, leading to the multiplication of 2-digit numbers using short multiplication. This will include using practical equipment to develop a clear understanding of how to multiply and divide.

Children will continue to practise all their times tables (to x12); to gain fluency in our written methods of multiplication and division. Please remind your children to access Times Table Rock Stars if they can do so.

#### Reading

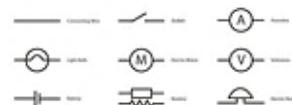
Please continue to listen to your child read every night at home. We recognise at times that this is not an easy task but thank you for your commitment to this. Children need to be reading to an adult at home at least 5 times a week to be entered into the Star Readers draw.

This half-term, the children will continue to have daily guided reading sessions, with groups of children, as well as being heard individually. All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your children to access this fantastic resource at home if you can do so.

#### Science

During this half-term, Year 4 will be exploring electricity as we investigate if we might be able to live without electricity for a day.

Through this, the children will explore how electricity is created, how it is able to power a light bulb or motor and the many alternative sources of electricity.



#### P.E

For children in 4B, P.E. will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school every week. Our P.E. kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers.

The children in 4W will be having swimming lessons on a **Wednesday morning** and will need swimming trunks (boys) or costume (girls), and a towel. All children **must** wear a swimming cap. Jewelry should not be worn for either of these activities.