

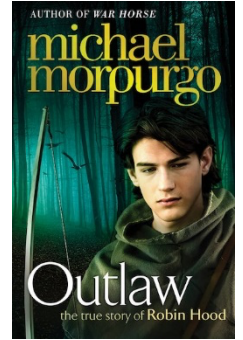


# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 5 Newsletter

### Summer 1



Year 5 continue their historical exploration of Britain following the Viking invasion in 793AD and Duke William's victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066AD. This half-term leads us to the establishment of the first parliament and beginning of British democracy. We will be studying the signing of the Magna Carta by King John in 1215 as our history challenge asks us: '**Who were the early lawmakers?**'

#### English

Year 5 will be having a split focus this half-term for English, as we study narrative poetry and story-telling.

To begin the half-term, we will be exploring the poem 'Magna Carta' by the Scottish poet: Marriot Edgar. Written in 1932, this poem shares the story and the importance of the Magna Carta. Through this, the children will be given the opportunity to explore the rhyme, narrative and humour of the poem, before writing their own.

Following this, the children will then use the story of Robin Hood, (*Outlaw: The story of Robin Hood*, By Michael Morpurgo) as they begin to explore the difference between fact, belief and opinion, before writing their own fable by creating a narrative and using speech.

#### Maths

This half-term, the children of Year 5 will continue to build their Multiplication and Division strategies, through our ongoing focus of Fractions and Problem Solving.

Please continue to encourage your children to log-on to Times Table Rockstars at home. This is used to support the recall of number facts, which is crucial for our learning in Fractions. We have shared in class the importance of knowing these number facts and many of the children have increased their mathematical speed as a result.

The children will then focus on securing their understanding and use of the four operations by applying these in open-ended problems, and problems involving units of measure (length, weight and capacity).

#### Reading

Thank you for your commitment to listening to your child read at home. It has a great impact on all areas of learning. To celebrate reading, the school continues to reward those children that are able to read at least 5 times a week at home through our Star Readers prize draw every Friday. Each child has the chance to win a new book to take home.

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

Each year group has now established the 40 recommended reads. These are the 40 most popular books for children at each age group. These books can be brought home, alongside their levelled reading book, as we try to foster the love of reading in each and every child. Please spend some time to read these books with your children and share the love of reading.

#### Science

For our science topic this half term, we will be continuing to explore our unit on forces. We have already built an understanding of friction, and the conditions needed for an object to move.

As we progress this half-term, we will expand this knowledge to understand how resistive forces in air and water can affect the movement of an object too. We will also research the physicist: Sir Isaac Newton, and build an understanding of Gravity, its impact on us, and on the planet as we build up to our Space Topic in the final half-term.

#### P.E.

For **5J**, P.E. will be on a **THURSDAY**. For **5K**, P.E. will be on **TUESDAY**.

All children should come into school in their P.E. kits on the correct day, instead of their school uniform. We will be exploring Invasion Games, including Hockey, Netball, Football and Rugby, as we look to build tactics to overcome our opponents.