



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 3 Newsletter Spring 1



During this 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 build on their English skills from last half term and write their own non-chronological report.

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.

In this topic, children will work towards writing a 5-part story, independently. The children will be improving and editing a story map and will use pictures to support their ideas. They will add to skill previously taught, updating the class toolkit as they read the book and write dialogue into their stories.

Maths

Over the next half term we will continue to focus on the four main operations, +, -, x and ÷. In Year 3, children will be working on further multiplication and division, using the formal column method. They will then look at converting different units of measure with millimetres, centimetres and kilometres.

The children will need to continue to practise their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts as they will be tested on a weekly basis. They can do this by going on Times table Rockstars every night at home. If you do not have your child's log in details then please speak to the class teacher.

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, how the characters may be feeling and what they think will happen next.

We will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children, as well as hearing children read individually. If your child needs their book changing, it is their responsibility to inform their class teacher. Your child's book will only be changed if they are consistently reading to an adult at home.

Science

In science this term, our focus will be on magnets. The children will learn about how magnets attract or repel each other and how some materials are attracted and others not. At the end of the term, they will create a maze where they will have to move an item by only using a magnet.

Science Key Vocabulary

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

P.E.

P.E will be on a **Monday for 3C and Tuesday for 3Z**. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct PE kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper.

This term the children will be learning how to actively get involved in invasion games such as football, basketball and netball.