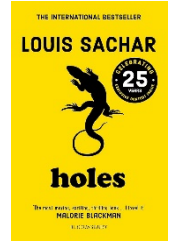




St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1



Our topic this half term will be geography-based, asking the question 'Why was Sir Edmund Hillary's conquest of Everest such an achievement?' Our learning will focus on the mountains of the world and the human geography associated with the mountain environment.

English

Over the next term, the text we will be studying is 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. This is a text that we are sure will capture the children's imagination. All of our writing activities will be based around this text, giving the children the opportunity to write in a variety of different genres.

Spelling and handwriting are continuing to be key priorities this half term with all the children taking part in Read, Write Inc Spelling sessions. Please help your child to practise their spellings which are sent home each week.

SATs

As we progress through this term, the children will begin their preparation for their SATs tests. They may receive some additional homework and may want to start to do some revision for the tests at home. However, we would ask that you **do not use previous years' test papers as a form of revision with your child** as we use these in school as part of our preparation; it is important that the children have had no prior knowledge of these tests so that we get an accurate reflection of what the children can do and where they need to improve. Thank you.

Maths

Our mathematics this half term will develop the children's understanding of decimals, percentages and measurement. There will also be a key focus on arithmetic skills with the children having plenty of opportunities to practice test-style questions.

Please continue to support your children in learning and recalling their multiplication and division facts. All the children have login details for Times Table Rockstars in their reading diaries.

Reading

To help the children to become Star Readers, we ask that the children read at home each night to an adult. We expect that the children should be reading **at least five times per week**. This can either be their school reading book or their Recommended Read.

Once they have read to you, please ensure that you sign their diary.

Thank you.

P.E.

Year 6 will be taking part in PE lessons with Stoke City for the whole of this half term. Please ensure that the children come to school in the correct PE kit (white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms and trainers) on a **Monday for 6K and Friday for 6J**. A note must be provided if your child has to miss a session due to health reasons.