



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Summer 1

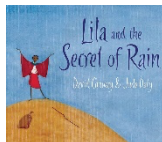


Our geography topic for this half term is, 'What would you find on an African adventure?' This is a study of Africa's climate zones and varying biomes across the continent. Throughout our learning, we will identify countries and capital cities using maps and atlases as well as studying different environmental issues across Africa.



#### English

During this half term, we will be reading two books to support our writing. These are 'The Village that Vanished' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain.' We will be using these books to recap our poetry skills and create poems based around Africa. We will also be writing narratives developing our descriptive skills for settings and characters, as well as using dialogue to develop action. To finish our writing journey, we will become authors and write our own quest narratives.



#### Reading



Please continue to listen to your children read **Bug Club** every night at home. We understand at times, that this is not an easy task, but thank you for your commitment to this.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

#### Maths

For this half term, the children will be exploring the topic of measurement including: time, money, mass, volume and length. As well as continuing to develop their knowledge of fractions and decimals.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.

A reminder that all children in Year 4 need to know their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year and they will complete the multiplication check in June.



#### Science

Our topic for science this half term will be exploring states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will be examining the changes that take place inside some materials as they change state.

We will also be using our scientific skills of predicting, observing and evaluating to explore what can affect the speed at which changes take place.



#### PE

For children in **4W** PE will be on a **Monday afternoon** and **4C's** will be a **Friday afternoon**.

Please ensure that your child is in their PE kit on the correct day. Our PE kit is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers. Children should wear their school jumpers.