



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 1

Geography

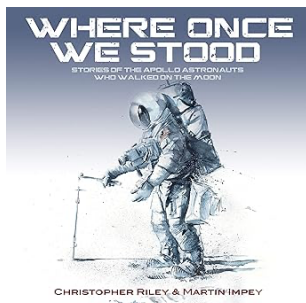
Why is Brazil so colourful?

This half term, we will be exploring the country of Brazil. We will use maps to locate the world's countries with a focus on South America and its key physical and human characteristics. The topic focuses on Brazil's location, the difference between the UK and Brazil, why people want to visit Brazil and how Brazil has changed over the years.

English

This half-term, we will be using the book: 'Where we once stood: stories of the Apollo astronauts who walked on the Moon, written by Christopher Riley.

Our key learning throughout this will be targeted towards writing narrative with a focus and a non-chronological report.



Reading

Thank you for your commitment with helping your child to read at home. We understand that this isn't always easy. To celebrate reading, all children who read at least 5 times in a week at home will be entered into the Star Readers prize draw every week for their chance to win a 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.

Homework

Please look out for your child's learning log each week. The children will continue to have a selection of homework. Please sign the homework log once your child has completed the week's task.

Homework will be given out **every Friday** and collected back in **every Wednesday**.

Maths

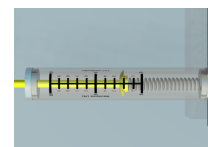
This half term we will have a focus on decimals and percentages. We will be reading and writing decimals, comparing decimals and writing fractions as decimals. We will also round decimals to the nearest tenth and whole number and convert fractions into percentages.

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables using Times Table Rock Stars at least 3 times a week. It is a basic skill that they need to be a successful mathematician.



Science

For our Science topic this half term, we will be asking the question '**Can you feel the force?**' We will learn about what friction is and its effect on moving objects, the effects of water resistance on an object and what air resistance is. We will also look at who Isaac Newton is and learn about gravity.



P.E.

All children in Year 5 will be having swimming lessons on a **Wednesday** morning and will need swimming trunks (boys) or costume (girls), and a towel. All children **must** also wear a **swimming cap**. This will start on Wednesday 24th April - Please ensure earrings and all jewellery are removed on swimming days.