



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 3 Newsletter

Summer 2



During the next half term, our Geography focus question will be 'Why do so many people choose to go to the Mediterranean for their holidays?' In this topic, we will study different European countries, look at their culture, artwork, food and music. The children will have the opportunity to compare the European countries to where we live.

English

Our book this term is: *The Snorgh and the Sailor*, by Will Buckingham and Thomas Docherty.

During English lessons, the children will be using the book to support them writing descriptive poetry about the adventures of the Snorgh and the Sailor. The children will also have to use their imagination and their senses to create a vivid picture for the reader.

The children will then have the opportunity to perform on the stage in the hall, their creations in front of their peers.

To end the children's Year 3 learning in English, we will ask them to continue the Snorgh's adventure by writing a 5-part story, that will allow the children to use all of their skills they have learnt this year.

Maths

Over the next half term, the children will be learning about area, measure, perimeter and shapes.

We will also be recapping our mathematical knowledge that we have learnt this year. It would be helpful if you could engage your child at home with maths in their everyday lives. For example, ask them to count the change you receive from a shop or ask them what time it is at different points throughout the day.

The children will need to continue to practise their 3, 4, and 8 multiplication tables and the related division facts. Please encourage your child to go on Times Table Rock Stars to help them improve their recall fluency.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. We have noticed that this is having a very positive impact on their progress.

In school, we will continue to have guided reading sessions with groups of children as well as hearing children read individually.

Science

In science this term we will be focussing on light. The children will learn about how light travels, how shadows are formed and how to keep themselves safe, when in the sun.

Science Key Vocabulary

light, source, dark, travels, illuminates, emits, transparent, opaque, translucent, shadow

Geography Key Vocabulary

continent, country, capital city, Europe, food, music, weather, landmark, travel, aeroplane

P.E.

P.E. will be on a **Monday for 3C and Wednesday for 3Z**. For P.E. sessions earrings need to be removed and the correct P.E. kit needs to be worn: a white t-shirt and black joggers or leggings and their school jumper. Next term the children will be learning striking and fielding skills, with a focus on rounders and quick cricket.