St Mark's Weekly Learning - "This week, we'll be...."

Week Beginning: Monday 4th December 2023

Year 1	 This week in English, we will be using all the interesting things we have found out to write Polar Bear fact files. In maths, we are learning to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes. We will be practising hard to wow you with our festive singing and actions in our Christmas play later on in the week. We are very excited!
Year 2	 This week in English, we will be writing our own versions of a diary based on the Great Fire of London. In maths, we will be continuing to learn about shapes, thinking about lines of symmetry within them. We'll be enjoying performing our Christmas play to you all and singing our amazing songs - we hope you enjoy yourselves!
Year 3	 This week, the children will visit St Mark's Church to understand the Christmas Journey In English, the children will be completing an explanation text about a robot pet dog before designing their own mechanical creature. They will use the writing skills they have learned to independently explain how their pet functions. The children will continue to learn hockey skills taught by a group of wonderful QMC students.
Year 4	 This week in English, we will be writing our own version of the poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom. We will be using adjectives, simile and metaphor to help us describe the river in different ways. In maths, we will be recapping addition and subtraction strategies with numbers that involve exchanges. In Geography, we will be summing up our learning by answering our central question: Are all rivers the same as our local river (The River Loddon)? We will encourage the children to draw all of their learning together to answer this question using the vocabulary they have learnt.
Year 5	 In English, we will be starting to write our own verses of the Highwayman poem. In Maths, we will be adding and subtracting fractions - with the same denominator, different denominators and mixed numbers too. In Design and Technology, we will be making wooden truss bridges using saws and glue guns. We can't wait for Friday!
Year 6	 Our English next week will link to the talk we enjoyed from Mr Stiles. Children have been encouraged to bring in a small donation to help his fund raising for the Motor Neurone Disease charity. Continuation of fraction work will be our focus in maths including finding fractions of amounts. Our exciting history topic will take us on our Evacuation Day (06.12.23) where children will come in dressed as WW2 evacuees. 6F and 6B will also be cooking their Woolton pies.