

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

Week Beginning: Monday 8th January 2024

Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In English, we are starting our unit on 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and looking at the key events and characters in the story.● We will be continuing to work with numbers to 20 and representing them in different ways in maths.● We are starting our new history topic all about toys.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In maths, we will be learning about money; learning about the different coins and notes and making different amounts of money with them.● We will be learning about Florence Nightingale and finding out who she was.● In English, we will be using the story, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to help us write imaginatively about the chocolates invented.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Learning more about their new project 'From Bean to Bar' where they will explore and compare land use in the Ivory Coast.● Starting our first Forest School session where the children will have a chance to explore this new place of learning, and immerse themselves in nature and the outdoors● Begin a new unit of writing based on a short film called 'The Blue Umbrella'. The children will be retelling this as a diary entry.● Consolidating the times tables they have already learned (2s, 5s, 3s and 10s) and will begin to learn the 4 times table which we will be focusing on for this half term
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In History, we are investigating what the Vikings were really like and how they got such a bad reputation.● The children will find reasons why the Vikings invaded Lindisfarne, which is a famous place in the north of England.● Our English leads us to the next sentence stacking lessons where the children will use correct speech punctuation, fronted adverbials and similes.● Our times tables focus this half term will be 7's although we will recap all at the start of each lesson.● In Design and Technology, we get to taste a variety of different biscuits that we can buy from shops as part of our research for making our own biscuits.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In History, we are continuing our learning about King Henry VIII's life and his life as the Tudor Monarch of England.● In English, we will start to write the first part of Spy Master in third person - telling the story of a boy called Jack, who lived in an Abbey, and went to work in the royal palace! We will be applying our new SPaG knowledge of parenthesis (ask us about the song!)● Maths will involve learning the long method for multiplication, to multiply 2 digit x 2 digit numbers, by firstly using the area model to develop our understanding, before working hard to secure the formal written method.● Year 5 homework will be coming home for the first time! It will come home on a Tuesday, and be due in by the following Monday.
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We begin the new year with 'Frozen Kingdoms' and the writing of a non-chronological text about the impressive emperor penguin. We will be focusing on a wide range of sentence and vocabulary choices which will include embedded relative clauses and the use of superlatives.● In Geography, we will revise learning from Week 1 with the human and physical geography of Antarctica and move on to look at the distribution of natural resources in

our world.

- Having learnt about the function of the heart in Week 1, we move on to planning an investigation to record changes in heart rate when rested and following activities.
- In maths, we continue to explore measures with both imperial and metric units.