

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

Week Beginning: Monday 26th February 2024

Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In Maths, we are moving on to counting and ordering using numbers to 50. We will be comparing numbers using our greater than, less than, more than, fewer than vocabulary, as well as completing number tracks with missing numbers.● We will be planning and writing a recount of our exciting school trip to Milestones in English.● In history, we will be taking a closer look at Thornycroft and how cars have changed over time using the knowledge we gained from our school trip.● We are going to be designing our own rockets in our computing lesson too.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In maths, we are focusing on two step problems.● In English, we will be continuing to write our persuasive letter about 'The day that the crayons quit'.● In science, we will be learning about the life cycle of a frog. We will also be focusing again on Karla Gerard's art work looking at birds.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In Maths, we are studying measure over these next two weeks. The children are gaining confidence in using mm, cm and m. They will be able to convert between units of measure and use this knowledge to solve problems. Why not have a go at measuring items around the house?● In English, the children have started an exciting new unit on 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. They will be retelling the story of Henry, who simply loves munching on books! With every book he eats, he gains knowledge! The children will be focusing on subordinate clauses as their grammar focus.● In DT, the children will be making a seasonal fruit tart at the end of term. This week, we looked at where different foods are grown around the world, and plotted these onto a map using clues. It would be really useful for them to look at the origin labels on foods, or even take a supermarket shopping trip to look at packaging and its country of origin.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In English, we start our sentence stacking lessons linked to the story of the promise. Our focus will be on writing complex sentences.● We kick started our Geography unit last week with a kahoot. This week we move onto helping Simba make decisions about travelling around the UK. In order to do this he needs to learn about population distribution - how spread out people are in an area.● Our new music unit starts this week where we will be learning about musical ballads. The children will sing a ballad and explain what the key features are, learn lyrics of a song with actions to help them remember and follow the tune of a ballad.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In English, we will begin to tell the story of two polar bears, who are forced to migrate to a new country, applying some new grammar learning - using adverbs for possibility.● We will be enjoying our second week at Forest School - using an axe and a mallet safely for carving!● In Science, we will be experimenting with the surface area of paper helicopters to see how it changes the effects of gravity and air resistance.● In Maths, we will be learning about decimals up to 3 decimal places - going into the thousandths column on our place value charts.
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In maths, we will be multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000 before moving onto multiplying and dividing decimals by integers.● In English, the story of 'Rain Player' set in Maya times continues. We will discover what

happens to Pik after he has angered Chac, the god of rain. Interesting and varied sentence openers and structures are our key focus as well as practising the use of direct and reported speech in narrative writing.

- In History, we will be exploring the reasons why the Mayan empire grew despite much of their land being mountain and jungle.