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

Week Beginning: Monday 11th March 2024

Year 1	 In maths, we will be practising counting up and back in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also begin our unit on length and height, measuring and comparing objects using vocabulary such as taller/ tallest, shorter/ shortest, longer/ longest and the same as/ equal to. In English, we are working hard to use capital letters and full stops accurately and we will continue with our writing about 'The Train Ride'. We will be thinking of adjectives to describe what it feels like to go through a tunnel and what the sky might look like as we zoom along. In our materials science topic, we will be investigating the best material for a bag so that it is strong enough to carry the teachers' books. In our 'Don't Hold On To What Is Wrong' HeartSmart unit, we will be exploring different ways to manage our emotions when things go wrong, such as losing our favourite toy or realising we have forgotten something. We will think about being HeartSmart and 'always looking for a way to let the ouch out'.
Year 2	 In maths, we will be looking at problem solving involving volume and capacity. Children will be applying their knowledge that they have learnt over the last week. In english, we are going to be writing a world book day recount! Later on in the week, we will be revisiting 'The Tunnel' and creating a setting description. In science, we will be making a life cycle information poster! In geography, children will be learning to name, locate and describe features of Northern Ireland.
Year 3	 In maths we will be showing off what we have learnt so far by completing maths booklets in arithmetic and solving worded problems through mathematical reasoning. In English we are writing our own versions of the story 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy' but from the perspective of Mum and Dad. Ask your child about the story - they are finding it incredibly funny! In PE we are developing our dance skills (Tuesday) by exploring shapes with partners and how we can transition between each pose. Also we will be developing our sending and receiving skills (Thursday). There are quite a few keen dancers amongst Year 3! In computing we will be learning about routers and how they connect us to the internet and networks around the world.
Year 4	 We start planning our own endings to our stories in English this week. The girl has just stolen the bag and made a promise 'to plant it' but doesn't know what she is planting. Our rehearsals will be in full swing, the children are learning the songs well and we will have the stage out for the first time. In Geography, we will be looking at counties of the UK. We will then use a compass to help us identify where each county is compared to another. In maths we will be completing a selection of booklets to show off all we have learnt so far this term.
Year 5	 In English, we will be continuing with writing our story about Nanuk and his mother migrating from their home, with an extra push on using dashes correctly. In Maths, we will be consolidating our learning about percentages and their equivalence to fractions and decimals. In Geography, we will be learning how to use 4 and 6 figure grid references when using maps. In Science, we will be experimenting with water resistance!

Year 6

- Choosing characters and plotting points will be the first task in creating our own Mayastyle tales next week. We are hoping to see lots of creativity and a development of their sentence structures.
- In History, we will explore the question: If the Maya were so civilised, why did they carry out human sacrifice?
- Our maths will develop our understanding of the equivalence between decimals, percentages and fractions.