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

Week Beginning: Monday 18th March 2024

Year 1	 In maths, we will embed our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We are doing so well! We are carrying on with our unit on measures and will be measuring lengths and heights of objects with non- standard measures such as cubes. By the end of the week, we will be learning how to use a ruler and measuring using centimetres. In English, we will be using all of the ideas and fabulous vocabulary we explored in 'The Train Journey' last week to plan and write our own stories called 'The Coach Journey'. In Science, we have the challenge to help protect Humpty Dumpty from cracking his shell when he falls off the wall. We will be testing materials and thinking about their properties to see which would make the best landing mat for him.
Year 2	 In maths we are going to be continuing to explore measures in kilograms. We will also be looking at measuring temperature. In English, we will be looking at a story by Anthony Browne 'Me and You' based on the story of goldilocks. In science, we will be thinking about our strength and fitness by completing an athletic investigation.
Year 3	 Making our seasonal fruit tarts as part of our DT this term. The children have been designing these in groups. The children will learn safe knife skills such as the bridge and claw hold. They will be bringing their tart home to enjoy (and maybe even share!) In English, we will be beginning some non-fiction writing where we will write a non-chronological report. This will be based around our science learning about bones and the body. We will think about how we organise our writing using subheadings and paragraphs. At the end of the week, we will begin our RE unit on Salvation and ask, "Why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?"
Year 4	 In maths, we are continuing with our fractions unit. The children will be using their knowledge to add and subtract fractions from fractions with the same denominator, whole numbers and mixed numbers. In RE we are focussing on the Easter Story and why salvation is special to Christians. We are continuing to practise our Easter play and are very excited to be performing a dress rehearsal to the rest of the school on Friday.
Year 5	 In maths, we will starting a new unit all about the perimeter and area of 2D shapes In English, the children will be using all their learning from our sentence stacking lessons about the animated film 'Migrants', to write their own sequel about the two polar bears In Science, we will be continuing our learning on forces. This week investigating and testing how pulleys and gears function, as well as thinking about where in the world they are useful.
Year 6	 We will have another round of practice SATs this week so will be focusing on lots of areas to revise in English and maths. For our Maya links, we will continue to edit and publish a chapter of our Maya tales, finalise our clay mask designs and debate some of the theories of why the Maya empire collapsed.