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

Week Beginning: Monday 13th May 2024

Year 1	 In maths, we will be learning to recognise and find halves and quarters of amounts and shapes. We will be exploring the concept of 'Authority' in RE and linking it to our own experiences. We will think about the characteristics of people in authority and share some stories from the Bible. In Science, we will be going outside in the school grounds again and learning about deciduous and evergreen trees.
Year 2	 In maths, we will be looking at learning to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Later on in the week, we will be learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. In RE our unit is 'Gospel'. We will be focusing on good news in our world! In science, we will be looking at an investigation about whether plants need light to grow! We are also very fortunate to have a representative from our school charity 'The Mudhouse Children' coming in. She will be talking to the children about differences between their life in England and children in Tanzania.
Year 3	 In RE, we will be completing our unit on 'Trees as a Symbol' where we will explore how trees can be symbolic in different faiths such as Christianity, the Buddist faith and Hindu faith but also have significance to those of no faith. We will explore our own thoughts and beliefs about trees and make cross curricular links with our Geography and English. In maths, we will be completing our unit on money and beginning our unit on time where we will learn to read and write the time to the nearest 5 minute interval. Any help that you can give your child at home with learning to tell the time would be helpful. In Geography, we will be creating our own walking route on a digital map in preparation for our short walk across the local area. This will help the children to familiarise themselves with maps, OS symbols and four figure grid references.
Year 4	 In Maths this week, we will be consolidating our decimal knowledge before moving onto our money unit. We will then convert pounds to pence and use our new knowledge of decimals to support this. In our art sessions this week, we will be using photos of Mount Fuji as a starting point for our final pieces. We will create the background using our painting skills and build up the layers for the mountain. The children will be learning about staying safe in our community. This week we will focus on the safety required on building sites. We will unpick the dangers and signs we may encounter.
Year 5	 In Maths, we are moving onto learning about adding and subtracting decimals and how we can apply our knowledge of column addition and subtraction to this. In English, we are writing emotive poems to capture the experiences and feelings of those aboard the Windrush ship when they left their home to move to Britain. We are also looking forward to a Design and Technology day where we will be designing and making cushions for young children who would have been travelling on the Windrush ship.
Year 6	 The week of our SATs assessment begins and the children have worked so hard to prepare themselves. Monday is our spelling, punctuation and grammar test day

- Tuesday is our reading test day
- Wednesday is the first and second maths papers
- Thursday is the day of our final maths paper
- Friday is a day of fun to congratulate them for all their efforts so far this year.