

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

Week Beginning: Monday 21st April 2025

Year	What we are learning
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In Maths, we are working on counting in 5s and learning about the concept of equal groups as an introduction to multiplication.● We are using Little Red Riding Hood as an inspiration for our sentence stacking in English. We will be using adjectives to describe characters and settings.● We are excited to continue our Forest School sessions starting the first week back- Wednesdays 1TM, Thursdays, 1M and Fridays 1BM.● We are going to be practising our sewing skills and learning to use a running stitch in art ready to use in our art project for this half term.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Our new project is "Terrific Tanzania" which has a geography focus. We start the term by recapping our knowledge of the oceans and continents of the world, and will locate Tanzania on a map of Africa.● We start our art project this week, by using colour mixing to create sunset paintings of the Tanzanian landscape.● In maths we begin our work on fractions by looking at $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and numbers.● In English our new book is "Voices in the Park". We will be thinking about different characters' viewpoints in our sentence stacking lessons.● In spelling, we will revisit some of the words from last term.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In PE, the children will be developing their football skills.● We will be continuing with mass and capacity in Maths whilst introducing our final times table - the 11 times tables.● We will be starting our new geography topic which the children will try to work out on our first day back.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We will begin the week with our hook task to start our exciting new geography topic.● In English, we will begin our new unit based on the Disney-Pixar short Lava. We will begin by using descriptive language, fronted adverbials and complex sentences.● In Maths, we will be consolidating our fractions knowledge and beginning some work on decimal numbers.● We will also have our first swimming sessions on Wednesday.
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In Maths, we will be beginning with a statistics unit - working particularly around drawing reading line graphs● In English, the children will start looking at writing newspaper articles and what features and language choices they require.● In History, we will be starting our new topic - Black and British. It begins by looking at the Roman Empire. We are really excited for this unit of learning.● Some children will be starting swimming again on the first Wednesday back - please remember swimming kits! The children staying in school will be learning how to play rounders during this slot.

Year 6

- We will begin to look at our new topic idea of 'Shocks and Sparks' as we learn about electricity.
- Lots of grammar and spelling skills will be our focus in English for the first week of the new term.
- In maths, we will continue to explore missing angles and move on to other ideas in shape.

Homework:

All children have been asked to complete a range of homework tasks to keep their skills and mind sharp in the run-up to their SAT assessments. We have asked that children do a little homework on a daily basis (about 20 minutes). As always, if children are struggling, please tell them not to worry: adults at school will help them on the questions they find too tricky to do independently at home.

All children who complete their Easter holiday homework have been promised no more homework once SATs are over in May.

CGP Books:

English: Pages in their CGP English books have been outlined in their homework sheet which all children brought home on Thursday 3rd April

Maths: Children have been given their CGP Geometry book to complete the work on angles. They also have an arithmetic SAT paper to practice.