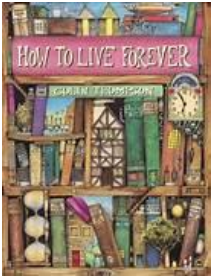

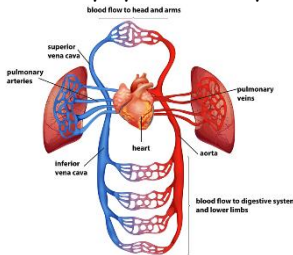


<p>Hello, Happy New Year. I hope you were able to enjoy some time with your loved ones over the Christmas break. Why does the snow always wait until it is time to come back to school and the chances to go sledging are reduced? Still the days are getting longer and hopefully we will soon be benefitting from sunnier, warmer days and lighter evenings.</p> <p>As ever, if there is anything we can help you with or you feel it would be helpful for us to know, please do get in touch. <a href="mailto:gina.wagstaff@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk">gina.wagstaff@st-marks.stockport.sch.uk</a></p> <p>We look forward to working with you again this year. Mrs Wagstaff, Miss L, Mrs Nicklin and Mr Clayton.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>PSHE</b></u></p> <p>This half-term the children will be focusing on 'Keeping/Staying Healthy' and making positive lifestyle choices. In particular, they will be thinking about why someone could feel pressured into smoking. They will learn some of the risks associated with smoking (physical, social and legal) and also the names of the addictive ingredients found in cigarettes, e-cigs etc. They will learn how smoking can affect someone's immediate and future health and wellbeing. They will have the opportunity to discuss why someone might start and continue to smoke and then will identify and use skills and strategies to resist and pressure to smoke.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>PE</b></u></p> <p>As last half-term, the children will alternate between sport and Forest School on Thursday afternoons starting with sport on Forest School on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. It is likely to be cold and potentially damp at this time of year so please do ensure they have the appropriate change of clothes with them on these days - <b>trackies, waterproof coat, wellies for Forest Schools</b>. Games will be on Monday afternoons and they will be benefitting from the cricket sessions being delivered by a cricket coach. Mr Clayton will also be supporting at these times. Where possible these will be outdoor sessions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>English</b></u></p> <p>The children will use the book 'How to Live Forever' as their focus text. They will learn and revise a range of sentence structures to help them to write their own narrative. They will focus on incorporating a range of the sentence structures they have been learning. In addition, they will revise the features of a persuasive text and use these to write a persuasive letter.</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring 1 2026</b> <b>Year 6</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Maths</b></u></p> <p>In Maths, they will continue their work with place value and use this knowledge to support mental calculation and choosing the most effective strategy. Following on from their work on place value, they will look at addition and subtraction of numbers up to 10,000,000. The children will also be revising and extending their work on fractions. They will be using common factors to simplify fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and finding ways to multiply fractions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Topic</b></u></p> <p>The children will be having another project week this half-term. Last term, they put so much effort into researching and then presenting what they had found out. Their books were a real credit to them. Our focus will now be moving away from Stockport to a global level as they will be focusing on earthquakes and volcanoes. This will involve them finding out the key features of earthquakes, the different layers that make up the Earth, how volcanoes are formed and why they erupt. The children will also consider the impact this has on those people who live in earthquake zones and close to volcanoes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Science</b></u></p> <p>Science will have some links with PSHE this time in terms of the potential benefits of a healthy lifestyle as they consider the impact of diet and exercise and also the impact of drugs on the human circulatory system. They will be learning to take their pulse rate and reminding themselves of the effect that exercise has on pulse rate. They will research the different parts of the heart and explain their role in circulation.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Reminders/ Key Dates</b></u></p> <p>Cricket - Monday afternoon Games lessons / Forest Schools - alternate Thursday afternoon Church - every Friday morning, 9-9:25am - worship in St Mark's Church. Please come and join us Class assembly and book look - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:40pm</p> <p>Break up for half-term Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February Start back: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February</p> 