



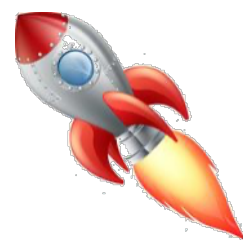
St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Reception Newsletter

Spring 1



Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful holiday and for those of you who celebrated Christmas, we hope that you had fun. We are glad to be back with the children and are looking forward to a busy half term. For the first 2 weeks we will be learning about winter and making sure that the children can name the 4 seasons and understand how things change through the seasons. After that, our question for the half term will be **"What's above the sky?"** where we will be learning about Space; how to travel into space, the life of an astronaut and the planets in our solar system.

Phonics

We have re-assessed the children in phonics and are now grouping them according to their ability. This means that all children will receive phonics teaching at their level.

We are really pleased with the progress the children have made so far and will be giving the children opportunities to apply what they know to their reading and writing during phonics lessons.

Maths

During the Autumn Term the school bought the Maths-No problem! resources for the children in Reception. This is in line with the rest of the school and we are hoping that this will prepare the children for future maths learning as they move through the school. During this half term the children will be learning about counting, ordering, addition and comparing numbers.

Names in clothes

Please could all children bring a spare set of clothes, pants and socks (with their name written in everything) as we have run out of clothes in case children have an accident in school.

During the last term, there were a lot of items of clothing that went missing and parents were understandably annoyed by this. Please can you check all uniform at home to make sure it belongs to you and return any that have been sent home accidentally.

Reading

Thank you to all parents who are taking the time to hear their children read regularly at home. You are really making a huge difference and your children are making such fantastic progress as a result.

Unfortunately, there are a number of children in Reception who are not reading at home at all. At this stage in their learning, it is so important for children to have the opportunity to practise skills that they learn at school to help them make progress.

P.E

P.E will continue to be on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that children have the correct kit in school and that their name is written in EVERYTHING.

All jewellery should be removed on Thursdays or children will not be able to join in with the P.E lessons.

