



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2



Our geography question for this half term is **Continents and oceans - what can we find out about the world?** We will be learning about what the world is, that it is made up of oceans and land, what a river is and what a mountain is. By the end of the topic, your child should be able to name the 7 continents and the 5 oceans.

English

During our English lessons, we will be reading a story called "The leaf thief" by Alice Hemming, which is about a fluffy squirrel, who is worried about the leaves going missing!

We will then use the story as a model to write a five-part narrative that includes adjectives, to make it interesting for the reader.

We are continuing to work on using capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces in the correct places; along with conjunctions like 'and' and 'but'.

Maths

This half term we will be starting to look at grouping and sharing objects equally. We will also be finding halves and quarters of shapes.

Every Friday the children will continue to do a number bonds test, to help them speed up recalling important number bond facts.

Please continue to support your child on NumBots at least 3 times per week.



Reading

Thank you to those parents who watch the weekly sound video put on class dojo with their child - it really does make a tremendous difference to their reading.

To help our children become star readers, all children are expected to read **at least 4 times a week** at home. If they do this, they will receive a raffle ticket and will be entered into a draw for a brand-new book. Children, who read **5 times a week or more**, will also receive **5 minutes** of extra playtime on Friday.

Reading diaries need to be **signed by an adult** and a note of which pages have been read.

DT

During this half term, the children will be designing and making sliders, with the aim of sharing them with the reception children.

Science

This half term the children will be extending their learning about materials through completing simple tests. They will be recapping what different materials are called and learning which materials are waterproof, transparent, translucent or opaque.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be continuing to develop their throwing and catching skills.

PE will be on Wednesday AND Thursday for Year 1 this term.

Please make sure that the children come to school in the correct PE kit.

