



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 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 they are now being grouped 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

Last half term, the children showed us how confident they are with numbers to 5. They can recognise different formations of 5 and can suggest different ways to make them. We will now be representing numbers to 10 on a ten frame and practising counting forwards and backwards. If you want to support your child, please practise forming numbers correctly.

Outdoor clothing

Please could you send a pair of wellies into school for your child with their name in them. Children who do not have wellies will not be able to play in the mud kitchen area / construction area as this area is likely to get very muddy and we don't want carpets getting covered in mud.

Also, please make sure your child's name is on every item of clothing. We cannot return lost clothing to you if it does not have a name in it.

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 a Monday. Please make sure that children come to school wearing their PE kit every Monday. If children do not wear the right kit, or have jewellery in, they will not be able to take part in the PE lessons.