



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Reception Newsletter Spring 2



Welcome back! We can't believe that we are now half way through the year with your children! This half term we will be thinking about People who help us. We will, hopefully, be having visits from different professionals such as the Fire Fighters, Police, Paramedic and an Oral health workshop. We will also be encouraging the children to think about how they can keep themselves safe by using seatbelts and car seats in cars and by washing their hands to keep germs at bay!



Phonics

Just before half term, the children were reassessed in phonics and have been regrouped according to their assessments.

The children are all working hard in phonics lessons and are making good progress. Please continue to use the phonic games from [Letters and Sounds](#), [English Games for 5-7 Years - Topmarks](#) to support with recognising new sounds and blending to read words.



Maths

Last half term, our focus in maths was counting and number bonds within 10. This half term focuses more on space, shape and measures.

At home, the children could be counting out how many cups of water are used to fill different containers or finding different shapes around the house.



Names in clothes

Please can you all check your children's uniform to make sure it all belongs to them. We still have jumpers, hats and gloves missing from before Christmas so please could you check all uniform and return any items that have been brought home accidentally.

Also, we are spending a lot of time trying to find missing jumpers only to find they do not have names in! Please make sure your child's name is in all items of clothing otherwise it is impossible for us to return it to the correct child.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read at home every night. I know it is difficult but the children really do need to have the opportunities to practise this skill at home as well as during phonics lessons.

We would like all children to read 5 times per week and as a reward they get a treat from us and a raffle ticket which means they get the chance to win a brand new book that they can keep forever. We will also be giving out Dojo points for those children who read.

P.E

PE will now be on a Friday. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kit – please make sure it is a white t-shirt, black or navy joggers / leggings / shorts and either black pumps or trainers. Children will not be allowed to join in with PE if they are wearing any jewellery.