

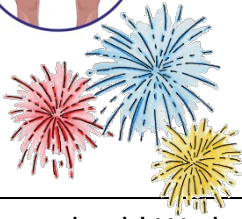


St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good holiday and the children have had a rest and are ready to start our next learning challenge. This half term, our question will be "**Who are the characters inside our books?**" During this topic, the children will be learning more about stories that many of them will be familiar with and thinking about what the characters are doing and thinking. However, our first week back will focus on Bonfire night and the history behind why this is celebrated by many families.



Literacy

All children have now been taking part in the Read Write Inc. phonics program and are learning to read and spell simple words. The children were assessed before the holiday and they are now in different small groups as this will help them learn at their level. The children will be learning to recognise different letters and how to blend them to read simple words and phrases.



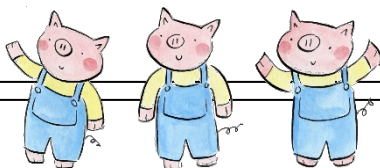
Maths

We have been practising recognising numbers 0 to 5 and making sure that all children can count out the correct amount of objects to match each number.

If your child can do this easily then you can help them by finding different ways to make numbers to 5 i.e. 4 and 1, 2 and 3 etc.

Reading

Now that reading books are going home, we would appreciate it if you made sure your child reads at home. Thank you to those of you who practise at home with your child. It really is making a difference to them. We will change reading books at least once a week if the children are practising at home to ensure that they do not get bored. Please make sure books are in school every day to enable us to do this.



The children in both classes have now settled well into school and are trying hard to be more independent at school.

You can help your child become more independent at home by encouraging them to feed themselves at mealtimes and by encouraging them to dress / undress with less help.

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure that your child has a warm winter coat in school every day.



P.E.

P.E will continue to be on a Thursday this half term. Please can we remind parents that children need to have the correct P.E kit in school in their P.E. bags and they should not wear any jewellery - particularly earrings - on Thursdays.