



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 different jobs and learning about various people who help us. Our Learning Challenge question for the half term will be "Who can help me?" As part of this topic we are hoping to have a visit from the police, ambulance service and fire fighters. Also we will be thinking about how we have to help to keep ourselves safe by crossing the road safely and wearing a seatbelt in a car.

Phonics

We are so pleased with the progress the children have made in phonics. They have now been reassessed to ensure they are being taught at the correct level.

A lot of parents have mentioned they are unsure of how to pronounce early sounds. We hope the following video will be useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Maths

We have now been using Maths - No problem! for almost a term and have seen the children make fantastic progress. Last half term, we learned about number bonds and comparing different groups. This half term will focus more heavily on patterns, measuring and shapes. If you would like more information on what we will be learning in maths, please let us know.

Names in clothes

Please can you all check your children's uniform to make sure it all belongs to them. We have had a lot of parents telling us their child has come home in the wrong clothes after P.E. despite them being correctly labelled.

Please can you return any items that have been taken 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.



Reading

Over the last few weeks we have had a much better response to reading - particularly in Sunshines who have had 25 children reading at home every night which is fantastic! We would love every child to read every night to help them make the progress they deserve.

Also, over the coming weeks you may notice an "Adult support" stamp in your child's diary. This will show you that they have read with an adult in school.



P.E

P.E will continue to be on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that children have the correct P.E 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 lessons.