



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



## Year 2 Newsletter

### Autumn 2

#### Why do we remember the Great Fire of London? (History)

This half term the children will be learning about a significant event in History – The Great Fire of London. We will begin by comparing what London was like in 1666 compared to the present day. As Historians, we will learn facts about how the fire started and then question why it spread so quickly and destroyed London.

#### English

Our two texts for this half term are Monstersaurus and Toby and the Great Fire of London. We will continue to apply basic writing skills and start to think how sentence types are used for various reasons when writing a set of instructions. Be careful because we are going to write instructions explaining how to make monsters!

Through History lessons, we will be re-enacting the events from the Great Fire of London and then writing diary entries about the event in our English lessons, thinking carefully about the tense we use.

#### Reading

Please make sure that your child reads every night and that their diary is signed by an adult. If your child reads more than five times a week, they will be entered into a weekly prize draw, and they could win a brand new book! The children who read the most can earn dojo points and win extra playtime too!

Here at St Mark's we LOVE to read! We are very fortunate to have an amazing library in Hanley! Why not take a visit with your family and see how many books from the '100 Stoke Reads' list you have shared together? Did you know that the library also hosts crafts and Lego clubs at the weekend for free? Go and join the fun!

#### Maths

Where are our TT Rockers...?

All children have now been given their TT rock stars log in details. (Please speak to the class teacher if you need them again.) We can't wait to see who wins the certificates in worship each week! Your child can also earn dojo points and extra playtime too!

In lessons, we will begin learning our 2x, 5x and 10x tables. Once we become more fluent, we will then begin to learn the related division facts. Please ask your child to show you the strategies they are being taught in maths lessons and use these to support them in completing their home learning tasks.

#### Exciting news...Songbirds!

This half term, all children in year 2 will continue to learn a range of songs with our Music expert Mr Anderson. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, all the children will be going to The Victoria Hall in Hanley to rehearse on the big stage with other schools from around the city.

Your child has also been invited to join the main performance at the Victoria Hall during the evening.

If you would like your child to take part during the evening, please speak to Mrs Colclough or Miss Tench for more information.

#### P.E.

For PE please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the appropriate kit (not colourful tracksuits) and that they are not wearing earrings.

2C Mrs Colclough – Thursdays

2T Miss Tench – Thursdays



#### Winter warmers...

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure that your child comes to school every day with a warm coat and a hat/scarf/gloves.

All of these must have your child's name in them as we would hate for them to get lost or go home with the wrong child.