



St Mark's C.E. Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

Firstly, we would like to welcome all of you to St Mark's and let you know how much we are looking forward to working with you during one of the most important stages of your child's school journey. The children have all been busy getting to know new friends and learning the new routines at school but they are settling in well and it feels as though they have always been here ☺

Each half term the children will be set a question which will direct their learning for the half term. Our question for this half term is "**What do I know about me?**" This topic question focuses on encouraging the children to talk to us about things that are familiar and special to them and allows us to get to know them better.

Phonics

All the children will be taking part in Read, Write Inc. phonic sessions from next week. For those children who are completely new to phonics, this is a fantastic way of learning to recognise and write letter sounds.

For those children who have had RWI phonic sessions at nursery, we will be able to build upon what they have already learned and develop new skills.

The following video might be useful to help you with how to pronounce the sounds your children will be learning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxXcabDUg7Q>



Reading

Please look out for information about a reading meeting that we would like parents to attend to outline what we ask children to do at home.

Maths

We will be following the "Maths-No Problem!" scheme for Maths. This is the same as the rest of the school and will prepare the children for their next stages of learning.

To begin with, we will be looking at different ways of grouping objects and looking at similarities and differences.



Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday so please check your child's book bag.

Please sit with your child to support them if they need it but do not do their work for them! We don't care if the homework is not perfect, we just want to see what they have done at home. It should then be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest.

Baseline Assessment

During the first few weeks we will be completing the government's baseline assessment. These are nothing to worry about and aim to give us an idea of what your child can do. If you have any questions about this, please come and see us.

P.E.

Children will be having P.E. on a **Monday**. Initially, we will be getting changed at school so children will need their P.E. Kits in a bag with their name on it by Friday 6th September. Please make sure that no jewellery is worn on a Monday.