



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Reception Newsletter

### Summer 1



Wow! It is the start of our summer term already. We are really looking forward to warmer weather and learning about the changes the children are able to see as the seasons change. Our learning challenge question this half term is "**Are all minibeasts scary?**" As part of this we will be learning about different minibeasts, where they prefer to live and whether they are as scary as they seem. We are hoping to go to Hanley Park to do a minibeast hunt and see what we can find.

#### Phonics

The children continue to amaze us with their progress in phonics. They were regrouped at the end of last half term and are learning sounds and reading words or stories in their new groups.

As the children start to learn new sounds, there is a video for parents to help with their pronunciation.

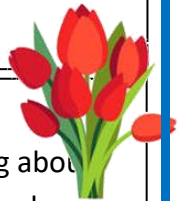
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3HRX2ywbog>



#### Maths

Last half term the children were learning about different 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been filling containers, full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and emptying them which has been lots of fun!

This half term we are going to be learning how to add by counting on, counting forwards and backwards, halving and sharing and starting to learn about odd and even numbers. Any support you can give your child at home is very much appreciated. 😊



#### Names in clothes

Please make sure that all children have their names in their jumpers. We have a lot of parents who are understandably upset when jumpers and cardigans are missing but without names in everything, we cannot return clothes correctly.

Also, please check at home and make sure that your child has brought the correct jumper / cardigan back home. Thank you



#### P.E

The children will have P.E. on the following days: Rainbows: - Wednesday

Sunshines: - Thursday

Please send your child into school wearing their P.E. kit on this day.

Please make sure that children do not wear any earrings on P.E. days as they will not be able to take part in P.E. activities.



#### Reading

Last half term, the children in both Rainbows and Sunshines have been trying to read at home more regularly and the staff have been so pleased with the number of children who are achieving their reading treats at the end of the week. Please keep this up this half term! 😊