



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 1 Newsletter Summer 2



Our History question for this half term is "**Why are we called the Potteries?**"

This half term we will be thinking about what Stoke on Trent is famous for (our pottery). We will be thinking about how the industry has changed and who the famous potters were including: John Doulton, Josiah Wedgwood and Clarice Cliff.

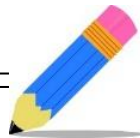
English

We will be looking at the traditional story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

As a class, we will think about the meaning of the story and will continue to improve our story telling skills by using a wider range of conjunctions.

We will still be encouraging the children to use their knowledge of phonics and alternative spelling choices to spell words more accurately.

There will also be a big focus on phonics in preparation for the Phonic screen, which will take place during the week of the **10th June 2024**.



Science

For our Science topic, we will continue to look at plants.

We will be thinking about the different parts of a plant and what they need to grow.

Perhaps you could have a go at growing a plant yourselves at home.



Maths

Over the next half term, we will be thinking about volume and capacity, comparing the mass of objects, describing positions and movements and making turns. We will then be recapping our numbers to 100 to finish the year.

DT

Our focus during DT Week will be to build a bridge which can hold all 3 Billy Goats. We will need to think about how we can join materials and how we can make the bridge both strong and long enough to cross the river.

Reading

Thank you to those parents who always listen to their children read every night at home. You are really helping your child to develop their fluency and confidence.

The children will be sitting their Year 1 Phonics Screen during June and to give your child the best chance of passing, it is imperative that you practice reading every single day. As well as reading their reading books please try to read unfamiliar words such as signs, posters, magazines etc.

If your child reads at least 5 times a week then they will be entered into a prize draw to win a brand-new book!

P.E.

In PE, the children will be doing Athletics with a focus on throwing, running and jumping.

PE will be on a TUESDAY for both 1H and 1W.

Please make sure that the children come to school in the correct PE kit.

