



# St Mark's CE Primary School

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring 1



This half term we will extend our knowledge as geographers. Our main question to explore is: '**Hot and Cold places: where are they and what are they like?**' We will be using our mapping skills to locate hot/cold countries and learning about the physical features of those places. We will also compare a range of countries and the people that live there, thinking about similarities and differences.

#### English

As skilled writers, we will continue to explore fact files.

The children will learn the features of non-fiction writing and explain how these are different to narratives.

As part of our geography topic, we will be researching information about a range of hot and cold places so that we can write fact files about them.

Please encourage your child to do their own research at home too.

#### Maths

The children worked really hard to develop themselves as mathematicians before the holiday and we can't wait to see what they can do this half term!

In lessons, we will continue to problem solve using the four operations to allow them to apply their number knowledge.

Our new units will be all about length, mass and temperature.

#### TT Rockstars...

Did you know that your child has the opportunity to win a certificate each week in our praise assembly?

The top 3 children in each year group who earn the most coins on TT rockstars will be awarded a certificate. They will also receive a dojo award which could lead to extra rewards and treats throughout the year!

#### Upcoming events...

Tea and Talk:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January (2-3pm) with Mrs Bradbury and the inclusion team.

Kinetic Letters Workshop for Parents (EYFS/KS1):

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (2-3pm) with Mrs Sadler

Y2 Maths Workshop for Parents and children

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February (2:15-3:00) with Mrs Colclough

#### Exciting Trip...

To enhance our learning as geographers and scientists, we will be visiting Peak Wildlife Park to learn more about animals that live in hot/cold places. We can't wait to see how animals have adapted to live in different climates.

More details to follow on Dojo.

#### Home learning – Thank you!

Last half term, your children continued to wow us with their home learning tasks. Their commitment and responsibility really shone through.

Just a reminder that the half term homework project is due by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January. (Details on Dojo) If your child completes this project they can earn a huge 5 Dojos for the class. If we get 25,000 by the end of July, we can go to Ninja Warrior! ☺

Our next challenge is to get more children accessing TT rockstars and Numbots at home too.

If you do not know your child's log-in details then please speak to the class teacher.

#### PE – Monday

This half term, Year 2 are very fortunate and will be having their PE lessons delivered by Stoke City PE specialists. PE this half term will be on a **MONDAY**

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and all jewellery items including earrings are removed. If you are unsure of what the correct PE kit is then please ask the class teacher.