



St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1



Our History question for this half term is **"What were toys like in the past?"**

The children will be learning about how toys have changed over time. They will be investigating what they are made of and how they move. They will specifically be looking at old dolls and old cars so if you have any at home that your child could show their classmates please contact your class teacher. We will also have a go at making our own toy from the past.

English

This term, we will be learning some rhymes and poems off by heart, writing a recount about our trip to the museum and a set of instructions for how to make an old toy. We will look at the features of instructions and writing our own for others to follow.

We will continue to work on using our phonics to spell words, using fingers spaces and putting capital letters and full stops in the correct places.

Having the correct letter formation will help us to improve our stamina for writing so we will continue working on this.



Maths

Over the next term, we will continue to focus on helping the children know numbers beyond 10, up to 40! The children will learn methods to help them add and subtract within 20 and look at lots of different number patterns.

We will also learn about different shapes, height and length. Every week, the children will complete a number bonds test to help them increase their recall of these facts.

Reading

The children are continuing to learn the different sounds during their phonics lessons. Please help them practise the sounds they are learning at home. We post videos of the sounds that the children have been learning each week on Class Dojo. Also, a "new sound" video is added to class dojo each week so please find time for your child to watch these.

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read **every night** at home – it really does make an incredible difference to their reading.

It is really important that you practise reading with your child every night.

Science

This half term, the children will be learning about different animals. They will be learning about animals' similarities and differences, including what they eat. They will learn the words: omnivore, carnivore and herbivore.



P.E.

In PE, the children will be focusing on throwing and catching skills.

PE will be on a Wednesday and a Friday for 1H and 1W.

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

