



# St Mark's CE Primary School

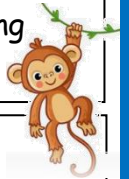
*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Reception Newsletter

### Summer 1



Goodness this year is flying by, and we are already starting our Summer term. This half term our learning will all be based around the book of **"Jack and the Flum Flum tree"** by Julia Donaldson. As part of our Magic Storybox we will be meeting a range of characters from the story who will have problems that need to be solved by our wonderful children. This book will look at the themes of health and wellbeing, responsibility and teamwork and will take the children on a magical adventure to the island of Blowyernose. Hopefully we will also be going on a visit to a local bookshop to listen to some adventure stories as well.



#### Literacy

Thank you for your support in helping the children with their handwriting homework over the last few weeks. It is making such a huge difference.

So far the children have learned how to write the letters in the jumper family (n, h, r, m, b) and some of the abracadabra family (c, a, o, d) They are doing a great job during our handwriting lessons but now we need to make sure they show it every time we write them.

#### Maths

Last half term, the children blew us away with their understanding of capacity. All the children were able to use the correct vocabulary to talk about how much liquid was in a container. They also learned the names of 3d shapes and revised what they already knew about 2d shapes.

This half term we will be starting to practise addition and subtraction. This will involve the children counting on from different numbers which is a trickier skill than starting from 1 each time.

We will also be looking at doubling and halving as well as odd and even numbers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you are unsure how to support your child at home with any of these skills.

#### Phonics

As usual, we retested your children at the end of last half term and have regrouped them in their new ability groups. This means that they will be taught at just the right level for their ability.

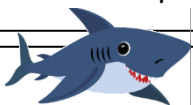
The progress your child has made is phenomenal. Thank you for supporting them. We will continue to add video links onto Class Dojo to help children with their phonics - particularly if they are learning new sounds. Keep a look out for these and play them with your child to help.



#### P.E.

PE will continue to be on a MONDAY.

Please make sure that children are wearing the correct PE kit every Monday and that all jewellery is removed. Children with earrings in will not be able to take part in PE sessions.



#### Homework

We have had some amazing Spring Bonnets brought into school this half term. Please don't worry if you haven't managed to do this yet, there is still time before we give out the prizes for all the entries into our competition.

This year we have had so many more children completing their homework each week. Please don't worry if the children have a go and it isn't perfect - we love seeing their efforts and your comments about how they have done it. Thank you so much for all your help and support!