



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



## Year 1 Newsletter

### Autumn 1



Our Geography question for this half term is **"How does the weather change throughout the year?"**

As a part of this topic we will be looking at the names of the seasons, typical weather in each season, weather symbols and observing and recording the weather.

We will also be going on a trip to the park to see the signs of Autumn.

#### English

This term we will be working with the story

*Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers*

To improve our writing skills in Year 1 we will be focusing on using our phonics to spell words, using finger spaces and full stops in the correct places.

We are also looking at starting our sentences in different ways by using the time conjunctions 'First', 'Next', 'Then', 'After that' and 'Finally'.

A focus on handwriting and correct letter formation will help the children improve the look of all their written work. Please practice with the children at home.



#### Maths

Using both practical resources and mental methods, we will be developing the children's number sense including counting, ordering and comparing.

To further develop their confidence with numbers, the children will be asked to find missing numbers in number sequences. We will also be working on the language of more, less, fewer and greater.

#### DT

Our focus during DT Week will be to make a fruit kebab. The children will learn about food hygiene and how to use a knife to cut fruit safely.

#### Reading

Help your child become a superstar reader!

We would like ***you to sit and listen to your child read.***

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 and if they read 5 times, then they will get extra playtime!

Reading every night makes a tremendous difference to their learning.



#### Science

For our Science topic, we will be looking at

***How does our body help us to see, hear, touch, taste and smell?***

The children will learn about our body parts, the five senses, how our senses help us and which body part links to which sense.



#### P.E.

In PE, the children will be doing Gymnastics with a focus on balancing, shapes and travelling.

**PE will be on a Friday for both classes.**

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

