



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Reception Newsletter Autumn 2



Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good holiday and the children have had a rest and are ready to start our next learning challenge. Towards the end of last half term, the children were introduced to our Magic Storybox which brought our story to life. This half term we will be continuing with the Magic Storybox, but our story will be The Jolly Christmas Postman. We will also be thinking about different jobs and looking at the historical figures of Florence Nightingale and Guy Fawkes.



Literacy

We hope your children enjoyed telling you all about Mr Bear last half term and will enjoy our Magic Storybox sessions this half term. To begin with, the children will be meeting Pete, the Postman who will have a few problems that he needs help to solve. Hopefully, the children will come up with some great ideas to help him. It does mean that our literacy lessons will be led more by the children as they decide how to solve his problems.

Maths

This half term we are going to be looking at finding 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10, finding different ways to make all numbers to 5 and practising counting - making sure that we are saying a number name for each object as we count. We will also be revisiting 2D shapes and using and understanding positional language.

Phonics

The children in both classes have now been assessed for phonics and will be in groups with other children of a similar ability. This might mean that your child has different sounds to practice at home to help them make the progress they deserve.

Thank you to those parents who listen to their children read every night - those children are making fantastic progress. All children really need to read their school reading book / sounds every night to help them make good progress.

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure that your child has a warm winter coat in school every day.

Christmas nativity - please look out for more information nearer the time about our EYFS and KS1 nativity. We would love you to come and watch us.

P.E.

PE will be on a **MONDAY** this half term. Please make sure that children are wearing the correct PE kit on a Monday and that all jewellery is removed. Children with earrings in will not be able to take part in PE sessions.

Kinetic Letters

Last half term we started to introduce the new handwriting scheme "Kinetic Letters". This half term we will be starting to form letters correctly using little sayings to help us. If your child is practising writing their name, please could you remind them how to form the letters correctly as this will help them develop a more fluent writing style. Thank you for your support.