



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Reception Newsletter

### Summer 1



Wow! It is the start of our Summer term already. We are really looking forward to warmer weather and learning about the changes the children are able to see as the seasons change. Our learning challenge question this half term is "**What would we find at the farm?**" As part of this we will be learning about different farm animals, how farming areas differ from Shelton and how farming has changed over the years. We are also hoping to visit a farm to learn about the different animals and what they eat.

#### Phonics

The children continue to amaze us with their progress in phonics. They were regrouped at the end of last half term and are learning sounds and reading words or stories in their new groups. As the children start to learn new sounds, there is a video for parents to help with their pronunciation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3HRX2ywbog>



#### Maths

Last half term the children were learning about different 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been filling containers full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and emptying them which has been lots of fun!

We also started to look at counting back and taking away which could be practised at home.

This half term we will be learning about halving and sharing, odds and evens and money.



#### Names in clothes

Please make sure that all children have their names in their jumpers. We have a lot of parents who are understandably upset when jumpers and cardigans are missing but without names in everything, we cannot return clothes correctly.

Also, please check at home and make sure that your child has brought the correct jumper / cardigan back home. Thank you.



#### P.E

The children will now have PE on a Friday. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on this day. Please make sure that children do not wear any earrings on PE days as they will not be able to take part in PE activities.



#### Reading

Last half term, the children in both Rainbows and Sunshines have been trying to read at home more regularly and the staff have been so pleased with the number of children who are achieving their reading treats at the end of the week. Please keep this up this half term! ☺

