



St Mark's CE Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1



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Firstly, we would like to welcome all of you to St. Mark's and let you know how much we are looking forward to working with you during one of the most important stages of your child's school journey. The children have all been busy getting to know new friends and learning the new routines at school. They are settling in well and it feels as though they have always been here.

This year we are really excited to be starting our Magic Storybox adventures with the children right from the beginning of the year. This half term we will be using the story "Dear Fairy Godmother" to help us think about different stories that the children might be familiar with and helping them to solve problems each week.



PHONICS

All the children will be taking part in Read, Write Inc. phonic sessions from next week. For those children who are completely new to phonics, this is a fantastic way of learning to recognise and write letter sounds.

For those children who have had RWI phonic sessions at nursery, we will be able to build upon what they have already learned and develop new skills.

The following video might be useful to help you with how to pronounce the sounds your children will be learning.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>



MATHS

We will be making a few changes to the maths programme this year as we join the NCETM for their Mastering number approach to maths.

Please do not be surprised if the children only work with numbers to 5 this term, we focus upon the children being really secure with how these numbers are made and number facts within 5.

READING

Please look out for information about a reading meeting that we would like parents to attend to explain what we ask children to do at home.

HOMWORK

Homework will be given out on a Friday so please check your child's book bag. Please sit with your child to support them if they need it but do not do their work for them! We don't mind if the homework is not perfect, we just want to see what they have done at home. It should then be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest.



BASELINE ASSESSMENT

During the first few weeks we will be completing the government's baseline assessment. These are nothing to worry about and aim to give us an idea of what your child can do. If you have any questions about this, please come and see us.

PE

Children will be having P.E. on a Friday. Please can you make sure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E kit every Friday.

No earrings, necklaces or other jewellery can be worn on a Friday



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