



St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1



ORCHARD
—Community Trust—
Courage - Unity - Equity



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 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 One we will be focusing on using our phonics to spell words, using fingers 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

In KS1 we have a huge focus on phonics as these skills open up the rest of the curriculum for our children. Your child will bring home each day a reading book suitable for their phonic level and a reading diary. Please read as many times as possible per week with your child and sign their diary each time. We will be updating our reading rewards as a whole school over the next few weeks. More information to follow.

Thank you for your support - it makes a huge difference to your child.



Please check ClassDojo regularly for news, events, reminders and information. Turn on your app notifications so you don't miss out!



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.



PE KIT



Plain white T-shirt



Black shorts or joggers



Plain black or white trainers



Please ensure all items are comfortable and suitable for physical activity.

PE

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

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

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

