



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Reception Newsletter

Spring 2



We can't believe that we have already had half a year with your little ones! We are really excited to begin our new *Magic Storybox Adventures* with our focus book **Gozzle** by **Julia Donaldson**. This lovely story will lead us on a range of adventures as we explore themes of hibernation, seasonal change and friendship. Alongside this, we will be learning about animals and their habitats, helping the children to develop an understanding of different countries and environments while building their vocabulary and knowledge of the natural world.

### Literacy

We are continuing to develop our early writing skills using the Kinetic Letters programme, focusing on forming letters correctly and building good pencil control. You can really support your child at home by encouraging them to hold their pencil correctly at all times, even when they are colouring or drawing, as this helps to build strong habits and confidence for writing.



### Maths

Last half term in maths we focused heavily on number bonds and the children were thinking about different ways to make numbers to 10.

Next half term in maths, we will be exploring a range of exciting topics. The children will be learning to recognise and create patterns, as well as developing their understanding of measuring length and height using practical activities. We will also be learning more about capacity through hands-on experiences, and we will continue to build confidence with number bonds to 10 to strengthen our number skills.

How you can help at home: Make sure your children understand the vocabulary; full and empty and encourage them to use these words to describe containers at home.



### Phonics

As usual, we retested your children at the end of last half term and have regrouped them in their new ability groups. This means that they will be taught at just the right level for their ability.

We will put some video links onto Class Dojo to help children with their phonics – particularly if they are learning new sounds. Keep a look out for these and play them with your child to help them.

**Tip for parents:** Just 10 minutes of reading together each day makes a big difference! Ask your child to tell you about the story or predict what might happen next—it helps build confidence and understanding.



### P.E.

PE will continue to be on a **MONDAY** this half term.

Please make sure that children are wearing the correct PE kit every Monday and that all jewellery is removed. Children with earrings in will not be able to take part in PE sessions.

### Homework

Thank you all so much for your support with ensuring that homework is returned each week.

The children really are producing some wonderful work.

Please do not worry if their independent work isn't perfect – we love seeing work that is done by your child. Please sit and talk to them about their work and encourage them to do their best but try not to do it for them. 😊