



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2



Our Geography question for this half term is Local Area - Where do we live? We will explore the area around our school and where we live. We will learn to identify features, use simple maps, and describe our surroundings using geographical vocabulary.

English

During our English lessons, we will be reading a story called "The leaf thief" by Alice Hemming, which is about a fluffy squirrel, who is worried about the leaves going missing!

We will then use the story as a model to write a five-part narrative that includes adjectives, to make it interesting for the reader.

We are continuing to work on using capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces in the correct places; along with conjunctions like 'and' and 'but'.

Maths

The children will be working on Numbers to 40 as well as multiplication and division.

Every Friday, the children will continue to do a number bonds test, to help them speed up recalling important number bond facts.

Please continue to support your child on NumBots at least 3 times per week.



Art

The children will be sculpting. They will make paper-based 3D art forms using techniques such as rolling, folding and scrunching paper.

Science

This half term the children will be extending their learning about materials looking more closely at these materials to describe their properties and compare and group them based on their properties.

Reading

The children are continuing to work on learning the different sounds during their phonics lessons. With the Year 1 Phonics Screening approaching, the children will be exposed to Set 2 and 3 sounds this half term.

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read **every night** at home and get their children to watch the weekly sound video put on class dojo - it really does make a tremendous difference to their reading.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be working on their sending and receiving skills including throwing and catching, rolling, kicking, tracking and stopping a ball

PE will be on Friday for Year 1 this term.

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

