# St Mark's CE Primary School

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2

Our History question for this half term is "What was life like in the past?"

The children will be learning about how the past is different to now. They will look at old and new objects, thinking about how telephones have changed, how people's homes have changed and how transport has changed. In the final week of term, we will be looking at how schools have changed from the past to now.



## ENGLISH

This half term, our Magic Story Box will take us into the world of The Dragon Machine. Through drama, storytelling and imaginative play, we will become Dragon Detectives, sharing discoveries and reporting dragon sightings.

Speaking and listening will be central to our learning. We will practise asking questions, listening carefully, explaining our ideas and building on what others say. Taking on roles will help us explore characters' feelings and develop confidence when speaking.

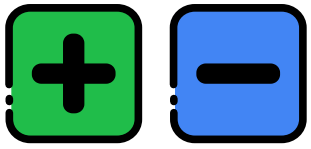
Our Dragon Detective Office will provide opportunities for role play, drawing and writing. We will create posters, label machine designs and imagine places where dragons could live. We will rehearse sentences aloud before writing, continuing to practise capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

## MATHS

The children will be learning the skill of subtraction by 'taking away', 'crossing out' and using their 'number bonds'. They will then make subtraction stories and solve picture problems.

Using both practical resources and mental methods, we will be moving on to count, write, order and compare numbers to twenty.

We will then further develop our addition and subtraction skills – working with these larger numbers.



## READING

Daily phonics sessions help children recognise sounds, blend words and read with increasing confidence and fluency. We will also share stories, explore new vocabulary and talk about characters and events.

Please hear your child read regularly at home, encouraging them to use their phonics to work out unfamiliar words. Rereading their reading book helps build fluency,



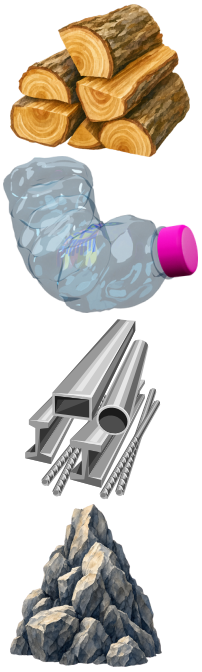
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## SCIENCE

The children will be answering the questions ***What can we discover about everyday materials?***

In this unit, the children will be identifying a range of everyday materials and distinguish between the object itself and the material from which it is made.

By the end of the unit, the children will be able to name a variety of everyday materials including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.



## PE

This half term the children will be doing Dance,

They will explore travelling actions, movement skills and balancing. They will understand why it is important to count to music and use this in their dances. Children will copy and repeat actions linking them together to make short dance phrases. They will work individually and with a partner to create ideas in relation to the theme. Children will be given the opportunity to perform and also to provide feedback, beginning to use dance terminology to do so.

