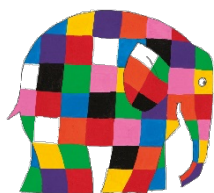




# St Mark's C.E. Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*



## Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

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 but they are settling in well and it feels as though they have always been here ☺

Each half term the children will be set a question which will direct their learning for the half term. Our question for this half term is "What do I know about me?" This topic question focuses on encouraging the children to talk to us about things that are familiar and special to them and allows us to get to know them better.

### Literacy

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.



### Maths

During the first few weeks of term we will be finding out what the children already know about numbers, counting and shapes.

We will also be focusing heavily upon getting children to look at groups of objects and grouping them in different ways and talking about their reasons behind the groupings.



### Reading

At the end of the week we will be sending the children home with a sound strip. This will have all the letters that the children have learned during the week.

Please practise them every night and sign the children's reading diary. Once the children are able to recognise the sounds and are starting to blend CVC words we will start to send reading books home with them.



### Homework

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! It is very important that we are able to see what they can do for themselves.

Completed homework should be returned by Wednesday of the following week.

### P.E.

Children will be having P.E. on a Thursday afternoon.

In Reception, the children will be getting changed for P.E. in school so please send your child's P.E kit into school as soon as possible so that we are ready to start learning to get changed for the first session on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Children must not wear any jewellery on P.E. days as this is health and safety issue.