



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 1 Newsletter Autumn 2



Our History question for this half term is "Why are our toys more fun than Grandpa's toys?"

The children will be learning about how toys have changed from the past to now. They will look at putting toys in order, thinking about whether they are very old, old or new and talk about the different materials that they were made from. We will also have a go at making our own toy from the past.

English

This term, we will be working on writing **instructions** and reading the story:

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

We will continue to work on using our phonics to spell words, using fingers spaces and putting capital letters and full stops in the correct places.

We will look at the features of instructions and writing our own for others to follow.

Having the correct letter formation will help us to improve our stamina for writing so we will continue working on this too.



Maths

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.

Art

Our focus during Art Week will be the artist Allan Innman and we will be learning how to sketch and add detail to our sketches using different weights of pencil to add shading.



Reading

Children should be reading at least 5 times per week.

Thank you to those of you who are listening to your children read at home regularly.

We have been so impressed with the progress that many of the children have made as a result of this.

If you have any questions about how to help your child at home with reading, please come and see Mr Holdcroft or Mrs Webster.

Don't forget to read on Bug Club as well.



Science

For our Science topic, we will be continuing to look at ***Why are humans not like tigers?***

We will be thinking about how humans are different to most animals, in terms of our body parts and the human senses.

We will also learn about what different animals eat – thinking about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



P.E.

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

PE will be on a Monday for 1W and Tuesday for 1H.

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

