



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Autumn 2



#### What was life like when the Queen came to the throne in 1953?

This half term the children will be learning about the life of a significant individual from our lifetime. We will also be exploring and re-enacting a memorable event in history. At the moment, we are living through history and observing the changes within our monarchy. In class we will compare how a modern day coronation compares to one from the past.

#### English

The children will be developing their writing skills this half term. They will research, plan and write fact files about the late Queen Elizabeth II. We will continue to apply basic writing skills and start to think how sentence types are used for various reasons.

During lessons, we will be using a range of conjunctions to extend the information given in our sentences.

Through History lessons, we will be re-enacting the Queen's coronation and then writing recounts about the event in our English lessons.

#### Reading

Please make sure that your child reads every night and that their diary is signed by an adult. If your child reads more than five times a week they will be entered into the weekly prize draw and they could win a brand new book!

Here at St. Mark's we LOVE to read!

We are very fortunate to have a brand new library in Hanley! Why not take a visit with your family and see how many books from the '100 Stoke Reads' list you have shared together? Did you know that the library also hosts crafts and Lego clubs at the weekend for free?

Go and join the fun!

#### Maths

Where are our TT Rockers...?

All children have now been given their TT rock stars log in details. (Please speak to the class teacher if you need them again.)

We can't wait to see who wins the certificates in worship each week!

In lessons, we will begin learning our 2, 5 and 10 timestables. Once we become more fluent, we will then begin to learn the related division facts.

Please ask your child to show you the strategies they are being taught in maths lessons and use these to support them in completing their home learning tasks.

#### Exciting news...Songbirds!

This half term, all children in Year 2 will continue to learn a range of songs with our Music expert Mr Anderson. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, all of the children will be going to The Victoria Hall in Hanley to rehearse on the big stage with other schools from around the city.

Your child has also been invited to join the main performance at the Victoria Hall during the evening.

If you would like your child to take part during the evening, please speak to Mrs Colclough or Miss Akhtar for more information.

#### P.E.

For PE please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the appropriate kit (not colourful tracksuits) and that they are not wearing earrings.

2C Mrs Colclough – Tuesdays

2A Miss Akhtar – Wednesdays

#### Winter warmers...

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure that your child comes to school every day with a warm coat and a hat/scarf/gloves.

All of these **must** have your child's name in them as we would hate for them to get lost or go home with the wrong child.