



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



## Welcome to Year 1! Autumn 1



Our question for this half term is "Why can't a monkey live in the North Pole?"

As part of this topic, the children will be learning about different kinds of animals as well as the main features of hot and cold countries. We will be looking at a globe to find the North and South Poles and also finding the equator.

### English

This term we will be working with the story *Monkey and Me* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. To improve our writing skills in Year One we will be working on using our phonics to spell words, using fingers spaces and full stops in the correct places.

We are also looking at starting our sentences in different ways by using the time conjunctions 'First', 'Then', 'Next', 'After that' and 'Finally'.

A focus on handwriting and correct letter formation will help the children improve the look of all their written work. Please practice with the children at home



### Maths

Using both practical resources and mental methods, we will be developing the children's number sense including counting, ordering and comparing.

To further develop their confidence with numbers, the children will be asked to find missing numbers in number sequences. We will also be working on the language of more, less, fewer and greater.



### P.E.

Year One will be taking part in Bikeability during the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September. The children will be provided with balance bikes and helmets and will be taught how to safely control a bike.

**Bikeability: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

In normal PE lessons the children will be taking part in gymnastics activities.

**PE: Monday 1Z / Tuesday 1H**

Children must come to school on PE days wearing: **School jumpers, black joggers, white t-shirts and black trainers.**

Pupils **MUST NOT** wear earrings for school on these days.

### Reading

*Help your child become a superstar reader!*

We would like *you to sit and listen to your child read.*

Your child needs to read every night at home to earn a raffle ticket for the chance to win a prize.

Reading every night makes a tremendous difference to their learning.

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

