



# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Autumn 1



Our Geography question for this half term is "Why don't I live where the penguin lives?"

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 as well as finding the equator.

#### English

This term we will be working with the story

##### *Lost and found*

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.

#### DT

Our focus during DT Week will be to make a fruit kebab for a monkey – one of the wild animals that we will learn about in Science. The children will learn about food hygiene and how to use a knife to cut fruit safely.

#### 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.



#### Science

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

The children will learn about wild and tame animals, where animals live and how they are adapted to living there.

They will also learn about how humans are different to animals including their senses.



#### 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.

