



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2



Our History question for this half term is **"What were the people like who lived in the past?"** We are taking a trip into the past and looking at old and new objects. We will be arranging items in chronological order and discovering who in the past has helped make our lives better today.

English

During our English lessons, we will be thinking about texts that were written a long time ago to link to our history topic. We will begin by looking at Nursery Rhymes – thinking about rhyming words and having a go at writing our own.

We will then return to story writing where we will learn about the traditional tale *The Frog Prince*. We are continuing to work on using capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces in the correct places; along with conjunctions like 'and' and 'but'.



Maths

Over the next half term, we will focus on helping the children to know numbers beyond 10 and looking at lots of different number patterns.

We are going to be counting to 20 and completing simple addition and subtraction using our number bonds to help us.

Art

During this half term, we will complete Art week where we will be exploring the work of Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian. We will be introducing the children to colour mixing, the use of powder paint and the tools and processes needed for painting.

Reading

The children are continuing to work on learning the different sounds during their phonics lessons. Please help them practise the sounds they are learning at home. With the Year 1 Phonics Screening approaching, the children will be exposed to Set 2 and 3 sounds this half term.

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read **every night** at home – it really does make a tremendous difference to their reading.

It is very important that you **sign the reading diary** to say that you have heard your child read.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about materials. They will be learning what different materials are called and be able to name some of their properties.

The children will be performing simple tests and be able to talk about what they have done.



P.E.

In P.E., the children will be continuing to develop their throwing and catching skills through invasion games.

P.E. will be on a Tuesday for 1H and Wednesday for 1Z.

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

