



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring 1

This half term we will extend our knowledge as geographers. Our main question to explore is:  
'Where would you prefer to live: England or Australia?'  
We will use mapping skills to learn more about the continents and oceans of the world before comparing where we live to Australia.

#### English

As skilled writers, we will continue to explore fact files as well as learning about the features of a letter.

As part of our geography topic, we will be researching a range of Australian animals in order to write fact files about them.

To further develop our skills, we will write letters to different audiences to show what we know about Australia.

Please encourage your child to do their own research at home too.

#### Maths

The children worked really hard to develop themselves as mathematicians before the holiday and we can't wait to see what they can do this half term! In lessons, we will continue to problem solve using the four operations to allow them to apply their number knowledge.

#### TT Rockstars...

Did you know that your child has the opportunity to win a certificate each week in our praise assembly? The top 3 children in each year group who earn the most coins on TT rockstars will be awarded a certificate.

Please ask the class teacher if you do not know your log-in details.

#### Upcoming events...

During the term, we will be inviting you into school to discuss your child's progress and next steps.

Parent's Evening – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Y2 Parent's meeting to discuss the SATS assessments – Date to be confirmed.

Y1 Parent's meeting to discuss the Phonic screening check – Date to be confirmed. (If your child is down to re-sit this assessment the class teacher will let you know.)

#### Home learning – Thank you!

Last half term, your children continued to wow us with their home learning tasks. Their commitment and responsibility really shone through. We can't wait to see what they create this half term! 😊

Our next challenge is to get more children accessing Bug Club and TT rockstars at home too.

If you do not know your child's log-in details then please speak to the class teacher.

#### PE

This half term, Y2 are very fortunate and will be having their PE lessons delivered by Stoke City PE specialists. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and all jewellery items including earrings are removed. If you are unsure of what the correct PE kit is then please ask the class teacher.

2A (Miss Akhtar) – Mondays

2C (Mrs Colclough) - Fridays