

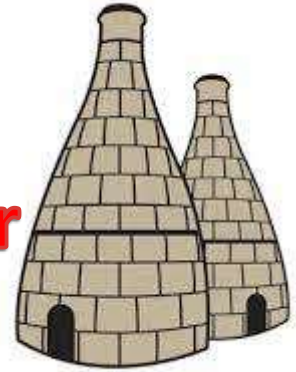


# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Reception Newsletter

### Spring 2



Welcome back! We can't believe that we are now half way through the year with your children! This half term we will be thinking about where we live. We will be starting to look at where we live and how it has changed since the grown ups were children. We will also be looking at whether Mums and Dads had the same toys as the children do. To support your children's learning we will be walking up to the Museum to look at how life has changed so please look out for letters about this.



#### Phonics

Due to how short the last half term was, the children have not been reassessed but these will be carried out during this half term and the children will be regrouped in a couple of weeks. For children who are reading story books, we are going to be encouraging them to read common words by sight rather than sounding each word out to support their fluency.



#### Maths

The children have been making fantastic progress with their understanding of numbers and are confident to find different ways to make numbers to at least 5. Last half term, we learned about number bonds and comparing different groups. This half term, we will be learning about patterns, measuring and shapes.

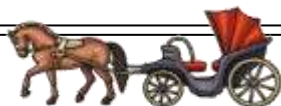
#### Names in clothes

Please can you all check your children's uniform to make sure it all belongs to them. We still have jumpers and PE kits missing from before Christmas so please could you check all uniform and PE kits and return any items that have been brought home accidentally. Also, we are spending a lot of time trying to find missing jumpers only to find they do not have names in! Please make sure your child's name is in all items of clothing otherwise it is impossible for us to return it to the correct child.

#### Reading

We have been delighted with the number of children who have been reading at home regularly. In the last week before half term, 42 out of 60 children read every day and were entered into the prize draw. It would be wonderful if every child could read every day to help them make the progress they deserve.

Thank you so much for doing what you can to support your children.



#### P.E

P.E will continue to be on a Thursday. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kit – please make sure it is a white t-shirt, black joggers / leggings / shorts and either black pumps or trainers. Children will not be allowed to join in with PE if they are wearing any jewellery.