



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1



Our Geography question for this half term is "**Where do the leaves go in winter?**" As part of this topic, we will be looking at how the different seasons have an effect on trees and plants. We will look at a variety of weather and how this changes the behaviour of wildlife.

English

Our book this term is 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater. We will be writing descriptive sentences using adjectives and prepositional language to make our work even more exciting to read.

We are continuing to work on using capital letters, full stops and fingers spaces in the correct places; along with conjunctions like 'and'.



Maths

Over the next term, we will continue to focus on helping the children know numbers beyond 10. The children will learn methods to help them add and subtract up to 20 and look at lots of different number patterns.

We will also learn about different shapes, height, and length. Every week, the children will complete a number bonds test to help them with the recall of these facts.

Reading

The children are continuing to learn the different sounds during their phonics lessons. Please help them practise the sounds they are learning at home, these can be found in the middle of their reading diaries or ask your teacher for a copy.

In school, they use their sounds when reading and spelling words. The more sounds they know the better their spelling and reading will be.

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

Science

This half term, the children will be learning about the different seasons throughout the year. They will be looking at the differences in weather through the seasons and be able to talk about these changes.



P.E.

P.E will be on a **TUESDAY for 1H** and a **THURSDAY for 1W**. This term we will be focusing on throwing and catching skills. Please make sure your child is wearing their PE kit and earrings are removed. PE kit should be white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and black trainers.