

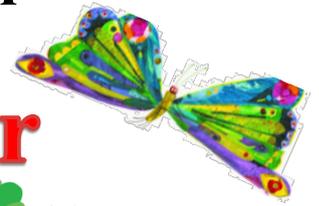


St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Reception Newsletter

Summer 1



This half term, the children will be learning about insects and creepy crawlies through our learning challenge. Our question for this half term is "Are all minibeasts scary?" As part of this topic we will be learning facts about different creatures reading a range of books by the author Eric Carle. If COVID restrictions allow, we will go to Hanley Park to look for minibeasts but this will only be if it is safe enough to do so.

Literacy

Considering the disruption to their school year, most children are making good progress with their writing.

We will be continuing to encourage children to think about the sounds they can hear in words and writing the sounds they can hear in sequence.

For those children who are getting really good at this, we will be continuing to focus on thinking of their own sentences to write about a picture or topic and reading back through what we have written to make sure that it makes sense.



Maths

In maths, we are still learning to recognise numbers to 14. Some of the children are getting really confident with this and have started to learn how to find one more or one less than these numbers.

However, there are lots of children who are still struggling to recognise numbers and count out a given number of objects and this is something that they could practise at home.

We would really appreciate you taking the time to encourage your child to count objects at home. This could be toys, coins, cutlery – anything at all!

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. However, there are still a lot of children who are not reading regularly and so are not making the progress that they are capable of. Reading EVERY night makes a real difference.

The children who read at home every night are much more fluent readers who are able to talk about what they have read because it is more familiar to them.

Our focus this half term will be on encouraging children to read without relying on sounding out every word and then talk about what they have read.

Homework



This half term the children will be getting paper based homework each week. Please make sure that it is your child doing the work – it does not help them to learn if you or older siblings do the work for them.

We will also be putting tasks onto Purple Mash each week so please continue to log on each weekend to see what has been set.

P.E.

After half term both classes will continue to have P.E on a Thursday. Please remove all jewellery on this day.