

St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year One Newsletter Spring 1



Our Learning Challenge question for this half term is "Where do the leaves go in winter?" As a 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

The children are continuing to work on learning the different sounds of the alphabet in their phonics lessons. Please help them practise the sounds they are learning at home.

They are trying hard to use them in school when reading and spelling words. Therefore, the wider variety of sounds they know, the better their spelling and reading will be.

To improve our writing skills this half term, we will be looking at including adjectives and prepositional language in sentences to make our work even more exciting to read.

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

Reading

Thank you to those parents who hear their children read **every night** at home. We can see this is making a tremendous difference to their reading and the children are proud of their abilities.

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

Maths

Over the next 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 doing simple addition and subtraction using our number bonds to help us.



Art

During this half term, we will be looking at the artist William Morris and the work he did with patterns. We are going to attempt some repeating patterns in his style.

Science

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

P.E.

P.E will be on a **Monday** for both classes. 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 plimsolls.