



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 2 Newsletter Spring 1



### Where would you prefer to live: England or Australia?

This half term, the children will be learning about the geographical features of England and Australia. They will research the similarities and differences of these two countries. They will use a range of maps and an atlas.

### English

Over the half term, we will be learning how to write instructions and letters. We will be applying our knowledge of verbs, nouns and adverbs. We will be writing different types of sentences such as exclamation sentences, questions, commands and statements.

### Maths

We will be exploring lots of different strategies to help us calculate addition and subtraction questions. Please ask your child how they are being taught to answer the addition and subtraction questions and support them in completing their home learning.

### Reading



Thank you to those parents who hear their children read every day at home. It is making a tremendous difference to their reading and the children are proud of their abilities.

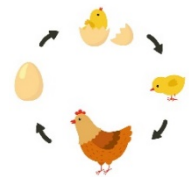
Remember, they don't always have to read their school reading book. They could read to you from Bug Club or a book from home that they can read. Please make sure an adult writes what they have read in your child's reading log.

Your child will be further investigating patterns in numbers and continuing to learn their 10 and 5 and 2 times tables. Please encourage your children to log onto Times Table Rock Stars.



### Science

We are investigating how animal change as they grow. We will learn about the life cycle of a human and learn what we need to survive. Talk to your children about the animals they see and like. Find out how they give birth to their young.



### Home learning

It is important that your child completes their home learning so thank you for supporting them in doing this. We have seen some fantastic homework.

### P.E

P.E will be on a **Thursday** so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and make sure earrings and watches are not worn on this day.