



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Reception Newsletter

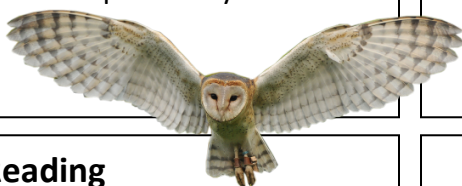
### Spring 1



Happy New Year! We hope you have had a restful holiday and for those of you who celebrated Christmas, we hope you had fun. We are glad to be back with the children and are looking forward to a busy half term. For the first 2 weeks we will be learning about winter and making sure that the children can name the 4 seasons and understand how things change through the seasons. After that, our question for the half term will be **"Where do the wild animals live?"** This topic will look at comparing jungles and deserts to Shelton and deciding whether wild animals would like to live here!

### Literacy

All the children have been assessed in phonics and regrouped according to their ability. They will be continuing to practice applying sounds they have learned in phonics in their writing and we will be encouraging them to write sounds, words or sentences more independently.



### Maths

We have been following the "Maths-No problem!" programme and the children now have a fantastic understanding of numbers to 5. This half term we will be looking at ensuring all children are confident with numbers to 10 and finding 1 more and 1 less for each number.

### Reading

Thank you to all parents who are taking the time to hear their children read regularly at home. You are really making a huge difference and your children are making such fantastic progress as a result.

Unfortunately, there are a number of children in Reception who are not reading at home at all. At this stage in their learning, it is **so** important for children to have the opportunity to practise skills that they learn at school to help them make progress.



### Homework

There are some parents who are struggling to understand the new homework.

You will have a list of 5 or 6 homework tasks. Please choose one task each week to complete. This can be models, drawings / writing, or photographs.

Thank you for all your efforts this half term. The work the children have brought in has been wonderful – we love the ones that look like children have done them themselves!

### P.E.

Please make sure that P.E kits are back in school as soon as possible. P.E. will continue to be on a **Thursday** so please remove any jewellery on this day. Please make sure **all** P.E. kit has names written in them!