



# St Mark's CE Primary School

*'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'*

## Year 2 Newsletter

### Spring 1

This half term we will extend our knowledge as geographers. Our main question to explore is:

**'Where would you prefer to live: England or Australia?'**

We will be using mapping skills to learn more about the continents and oceans of the world, before comparing where we live to Australia.

#### English

As skilled writers, we will be learning about the features of a letter and writing our own poems.

As part of our geography topic, we will be researching a range of Australian animals in order to support our letter writing.

To further develop our skills, we will write letters to different audiences to show what we know about Australia.

Please encourage your child to do their own research at home too.

#### Maths

The children worked really hard to develop themselves as mathematicians before the holiday and we can't wait to see what they can do this half term!

In lessons, we will continue to problem solve using the four operations to allow them to apply their number knowledge.

#### TT Rockstars...

Did you know that your child has the opportunity to win a certificate each week, in our praise assembly?

The top 3 children in each year group who earn the most coins on TT rockstars will be awarded a certificate.

#### Home learning & Reading!

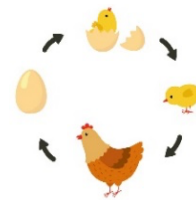
Last half term, your children continued to wow us with their home learning tasks. Their commitment and responsibility really shone through. We can't wait to see what they create this half term! 😊

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. Please make sure an adult writes what they have read in the reading log.

#### Science

We are investigating how animals 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.



#### PE

Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and all jewellery items including earrings are removed. If you are unsure of what the correct PE kit is then please ask the class teacher.

**2A (Miss Akhtar) – Wednesday**

**2C (Mrs Colclough) - Wednesday**