



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'



Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2

Our history question for this half term is **"What was life like 200 years ago?"** We will be taking a trip into the past to look at old objects then comparing these to new objects we use today. We will also be arranging items in chronological order and discovering how people lived in the past and how transport has changed.

English

During our English lessons, we will be reading a story called *"Daisy Saves the Day"* by Shirley Hughes, which is about a Victorian child working as a maid in a big house.

We will then use the story to write a fact file about the objects that Daisy would have used in the past.

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'.

Maths

Next term we will be starting to look at grouping and sharing objects equally. We will also be finding halves and quarters in shapes.

Towards the end of the term, we will begin to look at numbers up to 100!

Every Friday the children will continue to do a number bonds test, to help them speed up recalling important number bond facts.

Art

During this half term, we will complete Art week where we will be exploring the work of Claude Monet. We will be introducing the children to colour mixing, shade and the tools and processes needed for painting.

Reading

The children are continuing to work on learning the different sounds during their phonics lessons.

Please help them at home to practise the sounds they are learning. With the Year 1 Phonics Screening approaching, the children will be exposed to Set 2 and 3 sounds this half term.

Thank you to those parents who listen to their children read **every night** at home – it really does make a tremendous difference to their reading.

Science

This half term the children will be learning about materials through completing simple tests. They will be learning what different materials are called and will be able to talk about some of their properties.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be continuing to develop their throwing and catching skills through invasion games.

PE will be on a Tuesday for 1H and Thursday for 1W.

Please make sure that the children come to school in the correct PE kit.

