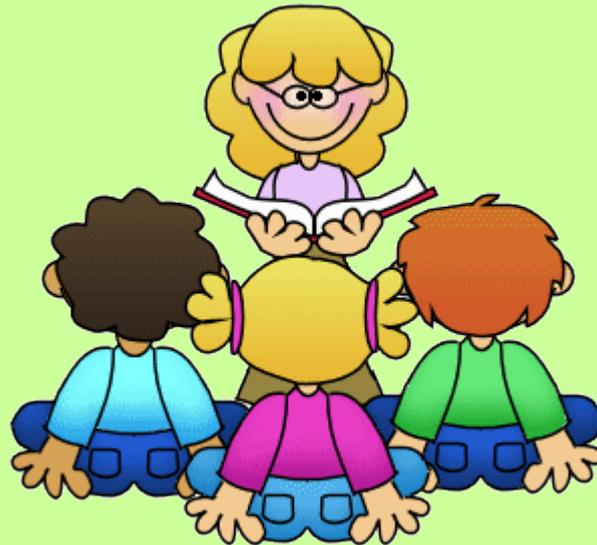


# Welcome to Year 1!

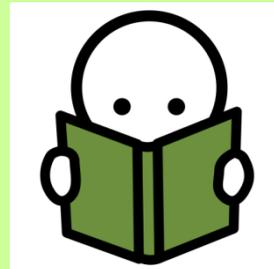


# Welcome

- Due to COVID regulations we are unable to invite you in this year instead you will find some useful information on this PPT.
- Different from reception, schooling is more formal, children sit at tables when working, they begin the National Curriculum
- Much less play based learning and more formal work (but still some time for fun!)
- Curriculum Maps will be sent home each half term to make you aware of what we are getting up too

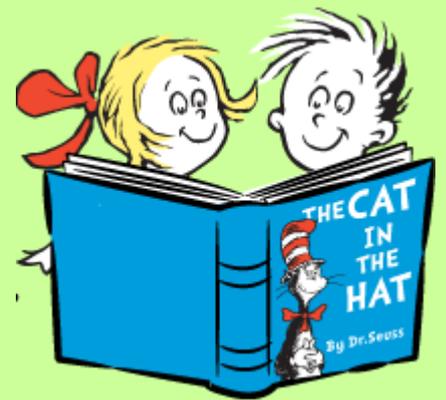
# Reading

- Your child will be sent home with a reading book that matches their reading skills, a yellow reading diary which will have their phonics and reading level guidelines inside, and a Bug Club log-in for online reading.
- **Reading Books are changed on a Monday and sent home that night. Please ensure you send them in on a Monday with a signature or comment so that we know you have read with your child. If there is no comment the book will not be changed.**



# How can you aid your child with reading?

- Make it enjoyable!
- Look through the book, pick out any tricky words, make predictions about the story.
- Look out for words they already know in longer words e.g. falling
- Encourage reading with expression
- Ask questions about the story



# Reading in school

- We read twice a week in school in guided reading groups
- We try to read with children on a 1:1 basis once a week
- Reading through phonics/ comprehension- understanding what we have read
- Book Colours- Children move up book scales when they move up a phonics phase
- End of the day story/ Topic books- reading for pleasure

# Writing



- When writing with your child at home please encourage correct pencil grip (tri-grip) fully developed by 7 (dough disco muscles)
- Ensure they have capital letters, full stops and finger spaces (lolly sticks if they are struggling!)
- Make writing for a real purpose- lists, labels, captions, story writing, letters, invitations, instructions, recipies

# Writing in school

- Diaries on a Monday morning- what have you been up to at the weekend
- Literacy tasks on a Wednesday and Friday- based around a new writing technique
- Writing through Topic work, RE and Science
- Play writing tasks- free mark making

# Phonics



- Phonics is still completed daily and individually targets the need of each child in the class by placing them in their Phase groups. We use 'Letters and Sounds' and 'Jolly Phonics'
- Phonics screening check to be completed by the government/ school in May/June time- They continue with phonics in year 2 if needed. We will host a Phonics Screening meeting nearer the time.
- If children struggle with reading encourage them to sound out the words- segmenting and blending

# Phonics in School

- Jolly Phonics- Youtube clip how to pronounce the sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvAYUvQUrG0>

- Letters and sounds- phase 1-2 Nursery, Phase 2-4 Reception, Phase 4-6 Year 1

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letters-and-sounds>

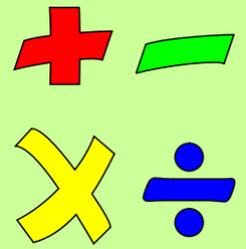
- Sounds and Words will be sent home to support your child's Phonics learning further

# Maths



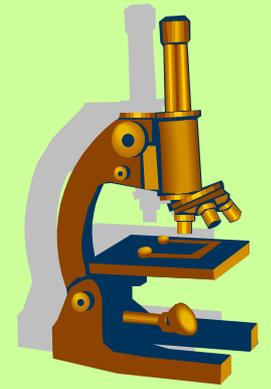
- Maths at St Mark's is fun, active and sensory
- Maths sessions will be completed daily
- Rockstars Timestables- 2, 5 and 10 timestables
- Not always a written activity- can often be by a physical task or outdoor learning
- Outdoor maths is used to explore learning through practical skills and questioning

# Spelling and Times Tables



- Spellings will begin to be sent home in January and the children will be tested once a week- please practice them at home. Their results will be sent home alongside their new spellings on a Friday.
- Times Tables will begin after October Half Term and the children are expected to begin learning 2s, 5s, and 10s. We do this through ROCKSTAR TIMES TABLES!!!!

# Science



- Our Science topics in Year 1 are Plants, Animals, Everyday Materials and Seasonal Change
- Like maths we encourage experimentation and exploring their learning for themselves
- Encourage children to make predictions and ask why, about the world around them!





# Other Subjects



- Music – Begins in Spring Term with an outside agency but we do wake and shake every day
- Art- Sketch Book work and creative free-play
- Languages – Mandarin
- Computing – Basic Programming
- PE – Work with the NUFC Foundation
- PSED- feelings/ emotions/ safety/ COVID/ Well-being
- History and Geography- Babies, The UK, Around the world, Grace Darling, George Stephenson
- RE- We follow the 'Come and See' Catholic education document



# Other bits and bobs...



- COVID regulations depending- School doors open at 8.40am and the bell rings at 8.50am
- School Lunch bands/ Pack Lunch
- Attendance is monitored
- Safeguarding – **Mrs Miller** or **Mrs Henderson**
- PE kits needed on a Wednesday
- Book bags- yellow book bag from Tots to Teams
- Staff in Year 1- Mr Martin, Miss Atherton and Mrs Hardy
- Behaviour in Year 1- Traffic light system, stickers and reminders
- Email [year1@stmarksrcprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1@stmarksrcprimary.co.uk) with any queries or concerns and to speak to Mr Martin

Any other questions?

Please feel free to contact any member of staff by phoning or emailing the office.

Thank you

We look forward to your child joining us in September