

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

St Mark's Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Half Term

What are we learning? This half term we are basing the children's learning around the question 'Who am I?' We started the term by asking the children three questions; What do you already know about yourself? What would you like to find out? How can we find the answers? The children had some great ideas and have started their learning journey all about themselves with enthusiasm and confidence. Over this half term, some of the things we will be learning about are; our faces and bodies, talking about our feelings, beginning to understand how we grow, learning to write our names, all about families and new babies, as well as lots of rhyming, storytelling, number work, singing and phonics.

How can you help at home? Reading stories to your child is invaluable. You are welcome to borrow a book from the nursery home readers selection. To do this, please place book bags in the red plastic box by Wednesday then books will be changed and book bags hung back on pegs for collection on Friday. We ask that any books which get damaged or lost are replaced.

Autumn is a lovely season for walks with the family. Encourage your child to look at their surroundings, talk about the changes including the colourful leaves and collect autumn items such as conkers or acorns. Encourage your child to mark make and attempt to write their name as much as you can. This gives them confidence and helps them to label their work in nursery.



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Important information Proud Cloud books are intended to stay with families, not to be kept in school, this way they are always at home ready to be added to. We will be looking at everyone's around half term time and will remind parents to bring them back to school during the last week of half term.

Places at our EYFS wrap around care (breakfast and afterschool club) are filling up quickly, please don't forget we need 24 hrs notice for breakfast and after school clubs but no one will ever be turned away in an emergency. Breakfast club starts at 7.45 and afterschool club is until 5.30pm. All the children who attend really enjoy the activities that are planned for them and socialising with their friends.

'Winnie the Pooh' is our nursery money box and we ask families for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week. This pays for all of the 'extra' things that help make nursery fun the place it is, this includes ingredients for baking and different foods to try at snack as well as craft supplies.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 30th September 2pm - Harvest Festival; 'Big Soup' (nursery and reception). If your child would like to do a harvest picture or make a scarecrow to display at the harvest festival, please send it in by Friday 27th September.

Week commencing Monday 30th September - please send in a photo of your child as a baby, a toddler or as they are now so we can talk about growing in our circle time. Please write your child's name and how old they were on the back

Monday 21st October- 3.30pm - 'Stay, Play and Learn' session. Parents are invited with their child to join us for a play session which demonstrates how to transfer the learning from nursery to home, in cheap, easy and effective ways.

Autumn half-term is Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2018.

