

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

St Mark's Nursery Newsletter

Spring 1 Half Term

What are we learning?

This half term we are basing the children's learning around the question 'What is your favourite story?' This will involve reading lots of traditional tales, including Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. We will start the term, as we did last time, by asking the children three questions; What do you already know about stories? What would you like to find out? How can we find the answers? The children are now becoming familiar with answering these questions and are beginning to extend their vocabulary with all the new words they are learning. Over this half term, some of the things we will be learning about are; the parts of a book (front cover, illustrations and pages etc), all about the characters and the settings in the traditional tales and how stories are structured. We will learn to join in with the repeated parts of stories and predict what might happen next. We will also be enjoying lots of rhyming games, shape and number work as well as painting and phonics.

How can you help at home?

Reading stories at home is very important and really helps your child with their early reading skills. Discuss the parts of the book with them, such as the front cover and the blurb on the back. Look at the pictures together and talk about what they think the story could be about. Throughout the story ask your child questions about what is happening and help them to look at the pictures for clues. Your child may even begin to recognise some of the letters and tell you the sound showing their learning from their phonics work in nursery. Sharing stories can be such a special time which your child will enjoy and remember.



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Important information

Proud Cloud Books

Thank you so much for all the effort that has been put in at home with the 'Proud Cloud' books. We are very impressed. We will be sending new targets home by Friday 24th January 2020. If your child has not yet received a book they will get one that week too.

Paid For Sessions

Our 'paid for' sessions each afternoon for those parents that have children who only attend mornings at nursery are becoming increasingly popular. Children are welcome to stay for lunch and join us for the afternoon sessions at a cost of £15.00. This must be booked a week in advance and can be paid for on Parent Pay. Please ask a member of staff for more information if you are interested in your child attending. This can be particularly helpful in preparing them for full days if they are starting school in September.

Nametags

Please can we ask all parents to put their children's names in their uniforms, particularly jumpers and cardigans. We find it tricky to find lost uniforms if there is no name to help us.



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Dates for the diary

Monday 27th and Thursday 30th January - Settling in meetings for any new starters who haven't already had one. A poster with the available times will go up in the nursery cloakroom.

Monday 10th February 3.15-4.15pm - Stay, Play and Learn session, new children and their parents will be invited by letter to attend our informal session which gives parents ideas about how the learning we do in nursery can be transferred to home.

Wednesday 12th March 3.30-4.15 - RWInc phonics session for all parents with children going to reception in September 2020

1st June: PD Day (nursery closed)

20th July: PD Day (nursery closed)

Please see the main school newsletter for any additional dates that apply to the whole school including nursery. This is on the school website;

<https://www.stmarks-elmtree.org.uk>

