

How you can help at home.

In the front of your child's Green Log are all of the Set 1,2 and 3 sounds that we teach during our Phonics lessons. Please use these to help your child read tricky words, and you may even want to test them on some of these sounds! The log book also contains number bonds, which your children could practise recalling and making. Homework will continue to be sent out fortnightly, thank you for all your support with helping your child to complete this on time.

Reminders:

- As the weather improves and heads towards summer, please could you ensure that your child brings a named sun hat into school every day.
- When the weather becomes hotter, please could you ensure your child has had sun cream applied before school.
- Please make sure that all belongings are clearly named including PE kit, jumpers, coats, water bottles and lunchboxes.
- If your child requires medicine during the school day you will need to fill out a form at the school office.

Absences:

If your child is unable to attend school, the following simple activities can be done at home to keep your child's skills sharp. For example: reading a variety of stories and poems, keeping a diary, practising key words and simple counting games.

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Welcome back to our final term together in Year 1!

This newsletter will let you know a little bit about what your child will be learning this term. Please feel free to talk with any of the team if you any questions regarding your child's learning.

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We have two main projects this term:



A Gardener's World

Nature Detectives



For dates and information please see our website:

<http://www.stmarksprimary.net>

A Gardener's World



This will be our first project this term. Through this project we will explore living and non-living things, with a particular focus on plants. We will be exploring and investigating our school grounds, looking for common plants and trees in order to classify and name them. In computing, we will be learning to communicate with each other through the use of the internet. As part of our design technology, the children will be designing and making a gardening bag for Percy the Park-Keeper. They will make their bag through learning different sewing stitches. Through art, we will look at our Artist of the moment, Henri Rousseau and create our own 'Surprise' pictures using British inspired plants.

Nature Detectives



This will be our project during the second half of the summer term. We will continue with our science learning about plants and take the opportunity to investigate how things grow in our environment. In Geography we will be developing our field work skills out and about in the school grounds and will link this with our Science work. We will also be visiting Hillier Gardens in Romsey as our school trip this year. In design technology, we will be designing and making our own fruit smoothies, thinking about which fruits give the best taste when combined. We will explore the use of different textures and mediums to help us create mini-beast collages and sketches.

RE



Our two RE units this term are 'Rules' and 'Authority'. During our learning on 'Rules' the children will think about the role of rules in religion and why they are important to the Christian and Jewish faiths. The children will apply the concept of 'Authority' to the Christian faith, exploring how the Bible helps Christians with this concept.



Maths

This term the children will continue working on number skills, using known number facts and all four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) to solve problems. We will revisit telling the time to the hour and half past, becoming more accurate with this. Within measures we will further explore weight, length and capacity, learning how to use standard units. Work on our mental maths such as doubles, halves, counting in different steps, number bonds and times tables will also continue. Please continue to practise counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10 with your children.



English

In English this term we will be finding out about Percy the Park-Keeper and the stories written about him. We will develop our writing of stories, information texts and poetry throughout the term. The children will work on their use of punctuation to show the start and end of sentences and using question marks for showing questions. They will continue to develop their cursive handwriting and their spelling of common exception words.

Reading

Along with their daily Book Club sessions your child will read regularly in school. Your child will need their log-book in school every day. Please try and read with your child at least 3 times a week and remember to record this in their log-book. Feel free to record any other reading your child may do with you other than their school reading book, e.g. library books, magazines, comics etc., as your child enjoys sharing all their other reading interests.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please send your child's PE kit into school with them on Monday and keep it in school all week, in case we have extra sessions or the day change. The children will also be continuing with their golden mile running.

Please provide your child with both an indoor and outdoor PE kit and remember that earrings should be taken out and long hair tied back.

