

## Reading



When listening to your child read, please encourage them to use the picture clues and the initial sounds to help them locate words and, where applicable, use their phonics to sound out words.

Please ensure books are in their book bag every day.

## Keywords

If your child has come home with keywords please continue to practise these at home regularly. These will be checked each time the teachers read with them. You do not need to send these back into school so please keep them at home.

## Library books



A reminder that we change the children's library books every Friday.

Please only send them in on this day as unfortunately most of the books do not fit inside the children's folders.

## RE



In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Celebrating Birthdays'. We will learn how we celebrate birthdays in our families and then move onto learning how Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

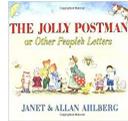
## Tapestry Observations



It would be lovely to see more observations being posted by parents on Tapestry. We only have a few parents in each class who are doing this currently. The children are eager to have a turn to stand up and share their home learning and achievements in class.



# Our topic this half term is: **The Jolly Postman**



*We will explore the big question,  
'Is learning important?'*

## Topic learning

This half term our learning will centre around 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. In the story the postman meets characters from different traditional tales, and we will focus on these tales over the term:

- Goldilocks and the three bears
- Hansel and Gretel
- Jack and the beanstalk
- The 3 little pigs

We will explore the characters and setting in each story and retell the stories in different ways. Our Discovery Time learning will be linked to these stories too.

If you have any versions of these stories at home, please read them with your child so they can compare different versions.

## Maths



This term we will continue to use 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we meet characters 5 and 6.

We will also spend time focussing on sorting objects and numbers using different criteria, looking for patterns with number and comparing sets. Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.

## Phonics (Read Write Inc)



We have taught the sounds **masdt inpgg ckub** so far and will continue teaching individual sounds to the children using the Read Write Inc. sounds and picture clues. Please refer to your child's sound card bag which was in their summer activity pack. To help at home please continue to add more pictures, with your child, to their 'Sounds Book'.

Each week we also practise reading CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and building CVC words using the sounds we have learned so far. Can they practise this at home?

## Communication



If you would like to let us know about anything, ask a question or raise a concern you can let us know at this email address which we check daily after school: [yearr@stmarks.org.uk](mailto:yearr@stmarks.org.uk)

If you need to get a message to us during the school day you will need to contact the office on [adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk) or call 01256346111 and they will pass the message on to us straight away.

**Spare clothes** We are desperately low on spare clothes so if we have lent your child any school clothing over the last term please can you check for items at home. Please check in particular for socks, pants and tights as these can easily get missed. Thank you.