



Ark

Autumn 1

What a pleasure it has been to welcome you all into the Ark!

We are already so impressed by your positive attitudes to learning and we cannot wait to see you all grow and as we learn lots of exciting, new things this year.

Ms. Brown, Mrs Parrott and Miss Meg

Uniform

All of our uniform can be purchased online from Sussex Uniforms.
<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-mark-s-c-e-school-urn-114545>

Our uniform is:

- Navy Sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Black school shoes

Your child should also bring a named coat and a hat, scarf and gloves as the weather gets colder.

Spare Clothing

We have had some rainy weather already and it is set to continue. Many Ark children struggle when their clothing gets wet, especially their socks. If you would like we can keep spare clothing items in the classroom in case they get wet on their journey to school or during outdoor learning.

Homework

Times Table Rockstars

Please encourage your child to play TT Rockstars at home. It is great for their mental fluency and we often have competitions to see which children have the most points.

Reading

Take time to share books with your child at home. They can read to you or you can read to them. Reading to your child can help to develop their vocabulary and their understanding of sentence structure.

If you have any questions please email:

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We aim to respond to parent queries within 48 hours.

Check out our website for lots of useful information
www.stmarks.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Our learning this half term

R.E

In R.E, we will begin by deepening our understanding about what it means to be religious and making links between the practices and traditions of a range of religions including Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam.

English

In English, we will be studying the book 'Croc and Bird' by Alexis Deacon. Then we will move on to 'Count on Me' written by Miguel Tanco. The children will write in role as the characters from the book, describe the settings and build up to longer pieces of writing. The children will work on their own personal writing targets through our work on the whole class texts.

Guided Reading

In Guided Reading we reading books from the 'Bear and Rabbit' series, beginning with 'Rabbit's bad habits'. The children will take part in discussion tasks about the book and answer questions based on the key narrative structures- Who, where, when and what happened?

Maths

In Maths we will begin the year with place value. The children will complete practical tasks set at their own level of challenge. We will answer fluency, problem solving and reasoning questions to secure their understanding. We will also be increasing our fluency with daily 'Mastering Number' sessions.

PHSE

In PSHE, we will begin with a focus on regulation and reviewing our use of the 'Just Right' sensory regulation tool.

Topic

Our topic this term is Ancient Greece. This theme will link all of our Art, Geography and History lessons. The children will have the opportunity to explore Ancient Greek life, learn about the Geography of Greece and explore Gods and myths.

Music

In Music we will explore one genre of music each half term, starting with Pop/Rock music.

PE

In PE the children will be learning Cricket with a specialist. This is great opportunity for them to develop their teamwork skills as well as their core skills like throwing, catching and running.