Armadillo Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Welcome to Armadillo Class!

We have had a brilliant first half term with your wonderful children. We have been so impressed with the quality of work they have been producing, particularly in writing. Our unit of work based on 'The Promise' by Nicola Davis has been extremely successful and inspired lots of fantastic writing from the children. As well as this, attending Roedean has been very fun and we learnt so much about the Ancient Greeks in History! We can't wait to start our Science unit!

Mrs Ashby, Mr Finburg and Miss Brindley

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

TTRS

Certificates are handed out weekly in Celebration Assembly on a Friday. Children can earn certificates by playing on Times Table Rockstars 'Garage' or 'Studio'.

Reading!

The children are expected to read in school every morning. Reading is the number one most important activity you can do with your child at home to make the biggest difference in life. Please ensure they are reading for at least 10 minutes a day at home. Children are welcome to borrow books from school any time.

Our PE day is on a TUESDAY

PE will take place outside at Roedean so please ensure children are dressed as warmly as possible with coats!
Thank you.

Homework

Each week, your child will get 1 piece of Math homework and spellings to learn on PURPLE MASH.
Homework is set on a FRIDAY and due by THURSDAY.

Have you logged into your parent portal on Arbor?

Make sure your parent portal is up and running so that you can receive regular communication from St Mark's!

If you have any questions please email: info@stmarks.brighton.hove.sch.uk

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 are studying the faith of Christianity. We will be looking at the concept of Incarnation and asking the question: Do Christians think Jesus was the Messiah?

English

In English, we will be studying the book **Wonder** by R.J Palacio. This is a thought-provoking story about a boy with Treacher Collins Syndrome. Please hold off from watching the film at home!

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on written methods for addition and subtraction and moving onto multiplication facts, cubes, primes and square numbers.
Helping your child with Maths work:
https://mathsathome.lgfl.org.uk/main.html

Science

In Science, we are studying Living Things and their Habitats! We will be identifying and classifying living things and studying life cycles.

History

We will be learning all about Ancient Greece, discovering how they influenced life today. We will look specifically what life was like in the home and study their clothes, sandals, toys, music and mosaics and their food.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking closely at the difference between unkind behaviour and bullying and what we can do in dealing with both of these issues. We will work on calmly resolving conflict with peers in a healthy and productive way.

Art & Design

We will be focusing on water colour paintings of plants, linking to our Science. We will also be taking part in the ROAR project where children create their own futuristic inventions.

P.E

In PE, we will be playing a range of games taught by specialist a specialist PE teacher at Roedean. These will focus on teamwork and a variety of skills.