



Armadillo Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Welcome to Armadillo Class!

We have had a fantastic start to the year with our Learning Launchpad. We have been learning all about our new HERO values and people who are role-models to us because they show these values such as Marcus Rashford, Greta Thunberg and Rosa Parks. We have been learning what it means to be a HERO (Honest, Engaged in learning, Respectful and Open-minded). We are super impressed with the excellent standard of work that has started so far. We can't wait to see what the children achieve by the end of the year!

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

Our PE day is on a TUESDAY

You need to come to school in your PE kits on this day. You can wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, trainers and school jumper. **Please do not wear logos or coloured tops.**

Thank you.

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.

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 are learning about the similarities and differences between science and religion and how they can compliment each other.

English

In English, we are studying the book **The Promise** by Nicola Davies.

We will be looking closely at grammar and punctuation and writing setting descriptions and balanced arguments.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at numbers up to 100,000 and rounding them. We will also be looking at negative numbers and use written methods for addition and subtraction.

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 unit 'It's good to be me'.

This will help us to reflect and encourage our strengths.

Art & Design

We will be making our own terracotta pots inspired by Ancient Greece!

P.E

In PE, we will be learning basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting and passing to build up to playing a game of basketball.