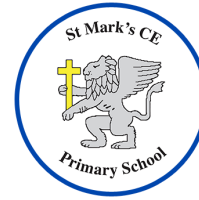


# St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parent/Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school this week!

The children in Little Lions' have had a focus on Understanding the World this week. They have been on an environmental walk, focusing on the sounds all around them. They collected leaves from around the school grounds and brought them back into the classroom to explore. They have also been discovering how objects can travel move quickly and slowly. The children in Reception have been discussing their journeys to school. They have focused on developing their vocabulary through small group discussion and it has been wonderful to hear the variety of ways they explore on the way to school.

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been exploring human and physical features in Geography. They completed a sorting activity and discussed reasons for their choices. The teachers were really impressed with how the children engaged in the activity. Years 3 and 4 started their Science topic this week, focusing on Rocks. The children began their topic exploring what they already knew and what they would like to find out over the coming weeks. The teachers will use this information to inform their planning. Year 5 and 6 completed a piece of persuasive writing this week. I was really impressed with their use of language throughout the week. I think lots of our children will be influential leaders when they are older.

Today, the children in Reception had their photograph taken for the Wigan Observer. The children looked fabulous and smart on the photograph. We will let parents/carers know what date the paper will be released as soon as we have more information about this.

Meet the teacher sessions will take place next and we really hope that you are able to attend. Teachers will communicate the zoom link via Dojo, early next week. Dates and times are below:

## Thursday 23rd September

Year 1 - 9:00-9:30am

Year 2- 9:30-10:00am

Year 3 - 10:00-10:30am

Year 4 - 10:30am- 11:00am

Year 5 - 11:00-11:30

Unfortunately, Mrs Hayward is currently recovering from an operation and therefore, Year 6 will be arranged when she returns to school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

This week we were visited by Ofsted who will publish their report in due course.

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend, Mrs K A Ferguson

Headteacher Mrs K Ferguson