



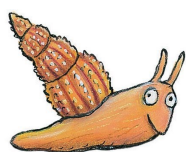
'Dream, Believe, Achieve!'

'With God all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26

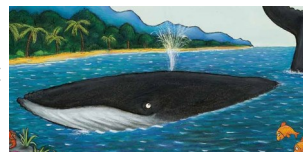
# St. Mary's Year 1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to our first Year 1/2 Newsletter of 2020. Happy New Year! We all hope you had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed celebrating the New Year.

This term, we are looking forward to exploring our 'Fantastical Beasts' topic (A topic letter with more information will be sent home soon). We are going to start by reading



*The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. There was a lovely new animated version on TV at Christmas and is available on BBC iPlayer.



## Reading



Please try to listen to your child read at least 5 times a week. We will check the reading records every Friday and if your child has read 5 times or more they will receive a Golden Reading Ticket. This will then be entered into a raffle.

## PE & Swimming



Hockney Class will continue to go swimming on a Monday afternoon until Mon 27th Jan (inclusive). Every Wednesday, all 3 classes do PE.

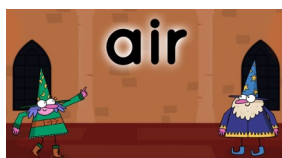
On Fridays, the 2 classes that aren't swimming will take part in their second PE lesson.

## Spelling Tests

Every Thursday, your child will have a spelling test. The next set of words will be stuck in and sent home on Friday. Please ensure that your child has their spelling book in their book bag every day so that they can practise in school as well.

## Phonics—BBC Bitesize

To help the children revise their sounds, there is a new Phonics page on the BBC Bitesize website. There is a short video and activities for each of the Phase 3 sounds.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm>

## Phonics games

Here are some more websites that the children can go on to practise their sounds.



Letters and Sounds—<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Phonics Bloom—<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Phonics Play—<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>



Most children are learning their Phase 5 sounds. The children in Mrs Mosedale's Phonics group are working on Phase 6.