



# St John's Mead CEVC Primary School

Autumn Term 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely summer break.

Our **topic** this term is '999', which will include the emergency services, road and fire safety and the Great Fire of London. Please share this topic with your child, discussing road safety when out and about and fire safety in the home. We are looking forward to visits from the police and fire service to start us off!

In **Literacy** we will be focussing on stories involving the emergency services; recounts of events experienced; poetry involving sounds and repetition, and writing instructions.

Your child will be bringing home 3 **reading** books each week. The books will be changed once a week, please try to listen to your child read every day – frequency of reading opportunities has an enormous impact on their present and future attainment. Please sign or tick the reading record to show your child has read the books as we can then count their number of reads for a reward certificate.

Your child will also be bringing home a 'Words and Sounds' book. Please help your child to practise reading and writing the words and sounds in this book.

Our class **library day** is Friday: please ensure your child returns their library book on this day (unless they have not finished reading it).

Should any parents or grandparents have any spare time to come in to school to listen to children read, please let us know – we are always very grateful for any help.

In **Maths** we are working to improve our understanding of number, shape and length. You can support your child by asking them to count forwards and backwards from a given number, to count groups of objects and to solve simple addition and subtraction problems involving a small number of objects. Maths games will be handed out on Friday every other week and need to be returned the following Wednesday.

In **Science** we will be investigating seasonal changes, focussing on Autumn and Winter, as well as 'light', linking in with our fire topic. In **RE** we will be using stories to look at spiritual development, with our **PSHE** (personal, social and health education) centred around new beginnings.

**PE** lessons are on Mondays and Thursdays although it is best to have the kit in school all week in case of timetable changes, or additional opportunities. Please ensure that your child's **PE kit** includes something suitable for colder weather, daps or trainers. If your child wears earrings please make sure they are removed for PE days or if this is not possible please provide tape so that they can be covered. Long hair must also be tied back on these days.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us. There will be an opportunity for you to meet us and find out more about Year 1 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15 until 3.45pm in Class Discovery. We hope to see you then.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Carver and Mrs Hicks