



**St John's Mead CEVC Primary School**  
Autumn Term 1 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

Our topic this term is '*Wish you were here?*' Below are some of the learning challenges we will be following:

Where would you like to go on holiday? What makes a good holiday? How can we persuade tourists to visit a holiday destination? Where in the world are we? Can we find information about a country?

How do artists portray the seaside? What forces are around us? How can we use instruments to compose seaside music?

The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/postcards/pictures/travel brochures/ souvenirs to share with their class. If you feel you have any expertise in this area, (eg you work in the travel industry), please let us know.

In English we will be writing recounts, adventure stories and poetry. This term's maths targets will focus on mental addition and subtraction and for some children place value and rounding. In RE we will be studying pilgrimages and spiritual journeys as well as Harvest this term. In PSHE your child will be learning about 'New Beginnings'.

PE is on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit (including daps or trainers) earrings are removed and long hair is tied back on these days.

Our library day is Tuesday. Children should bring in their library books on that day so that they can be changed. Maths games are given out on Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

This term homework will include reading, number clubs, maths games, topic and spelling (a letter with further information will follow). Your child has already been given a folder that includes the topic tasks for the term. Their work can be word processed or hand written.

If any parents would like to help with the class please let one of us know. If anyone could help us hear individual readers we would really appreciate it. We would like to invite you to a 'Meet the teacher session' at 3:15pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September in your child's classroom, where we can answer any queries or provide further information. If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Wilson and Mrs R Clarke

