



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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to school. I 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 times table facts. 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 Thursday and Friday. 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. Liberty class will be going swimming on Tuesday mornings for 6 weeks commencing 16th September. They will need to bring a costume and towel on those days. It is also recommended that they bring goggles and a swim hat (particularly those children with long hair).

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 me know. If anyone could help us hear individual readers I would really appreciate it. I would like to invite you to a 'Meet the teacher session' at 3.15pm on Thursday 11th 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 me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Glover