

St John's Mead CEVC Primary School



Spring term 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have settled back into school after the Christmas break and are working hard. Thank you very much for your thoughtful cards and presents, they were much appreciated.

We are already excited about our new topic- **All Dressed Up!** This fun unit will include learning about clothes. Within this topic we will be covering Materials in Science and computing, where we will be collating data and comparing properties of materials. English lessons will include narrative units about 'The Snowman and the Snowdog' and 'Handa's Surprise', funny poems about different clothes, and we will also be looking at the features of non-fiction books. In other topic areas we will be using textiles in Art; looking at traditional clothes from around the world and at different points in History. Our PSHE focus this term will involve the children thinking about how to reach targets or goals, and considering how to understand and manage their feelings. We are also looking forward to a visit from the 'Life Bus', with the ever popular Harold (the giraffe), when the children have a special opportunity to learn about keeping healthy and safe, including the use of medicine. In RE lessons we will be thinking about what God might be like through different stories.

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

In **Maths** we are working to improve our understanding of the values of different numbers, as well as the names and properties of 3D shapes. In calculation we will be continuing with addition and subtraction. You can support your child by counting with them in 2s, 5s and 10s, by helping them to learn the number facts to 10 and 20 and through your continued support with their personal number club target. Maths games will be handed out on Friday every other week and need to be returned the following week.

PE is on Monday and Thursday 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 and daps or trainers. If your child wears earrings please make sure they are removed for PE days, otherwise there is tape in the classroom to cover them. Long hair must also be tied back on these days.

If you would like to come in to school to help at any time, please let us know, it is always greatly appreciated.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hicks and Mrs Carver