

# St John's Mead CEVC Primary School



Spring term 2015

Dear Parents,

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 and using words to describe them in our stories. 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 party invitations, traditional tales and funny poems about different clothes. 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 will also look forward to a visit from the 'Life Bus', with the ever popular Harold (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.

Your child will continue to bring home **reading** books each week. **Please sign, tick or comment in the reading record to show your child has read** the books as we can then count their number of reads for a reward certificate. Reading at home has a significant and lasting effect on children's progress so we are always pleased to celebrate it. Should any of you have any spare time to support with reading, please catch me - I am always grateful for any help! Our class **library day** is Thursday: 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, written calculation methods as well as the names and properties of 3D shapes. In calculation we will be continuing with addition and subtraction, also introducing arrays for calculating multiplication and division. You can support your child by counting with them in 2s, 5s and 10s, moving onto 4s if they are confident. Maths games will be handed out on Friday every other week and need to be returned the following Wednesday.

**PE** is on Tuesday and Wednesday 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 have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hodge