

**St John's Mead CEVC Primary School**  
Autumn Term 2015



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. The children are quickly settling in to their new class well.

As you are probably aware our topic this term is 'What's on your doorstep?' During this topic we will be covering the following themes:

- Different living settlements, e.g. towns, villages etc.,
- Reading, following and making maps, including OS symbols,
- How our locality has changed and will change over time, including our school,
- Famous people who have lived in our local area e.g. Edward Jenner and JK Rowling,
- Reasons for living and moving to our local area,
- Looking after our world for the future,
- Investigating different materials used for housing, including waterproofing and insulation,
- Rocks and soils,
- What is life like in Uganda, comparing our school to our link school, Hosanna.
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Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class.

In English we will be writing stories based on familiar settings, using 'Horrid Henry' stories as inspiration and also writing poems which create images of cities, towns or streets. This term we are focusing on punctuation. In RE we will be learning about the founders and leaders of different faiths and what makes a good leader. Later in the term, we will be examining the message of Christmas. In PSHE your child will be learning about 'New Beginnings'. In Maths this term we are having a big push on mental addition and subtraction.

PE is on Monday and Tuesday. The current swimming lessons on Tuesday morning take the place of PE on that day. The children attend 6 lessons, the last lesson being on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including labelled daps or trainers on PE days, long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

Our library day is Monday. Your child should bring in their library books on Monday so that they can be changed. Maths games are handed out on alternate Fridays and should be returned the following week.

This term homework will include reading, practising spelling patterns (see additional letter), maths games, number clubs and topic homework. Your child will bring home a folder that includes the tasks for this term. Their work can be word processed or hand written and should be handed in by the Thursday of each week. Please encourage children to present their work neatly, as it may be used for display or put in their topic books.

If any parents/carers would like to help in class, in particular with hearing readers, please let us know. If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us after school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Wilson and Mrs S Reilly