

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



Dear Parents,

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

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 using 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.

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 Friday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including labelled daps or trainers on those days. If your child wears earrings please make sure they are removed for PE days or if this is not possible please provide tape so that they can be covered. Long hair must also be tied back on these days.

Our library day is Wednesday. Your child should bring in their library books on Wednesday 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 would like to help with the class please let me know.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Harris