



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 enjoying sharing their Summer Books with the class. You have obviously been very busy trying to complete as many of the 101 activities as possible. There are lots of super photographs and it is lovely to see the children's captions explaining what they did.

Our topic this term is 'How We Are Special' and will include finding out about how to keep ourselves healthy. In Literacy we will be writing information texts linked to fruit and vegetables and writing stories based on the 'Oliver' books by Vivian French. This term we are focussing on phonics and writing sentences. At home you can help your child by listening to them read regularly, sharing stories and practising key words and spellings – a spelling letter will follow shortly.

Your child will be bringing home 4 reading books each week. Some of these are from a graded reading scheme, which your child should read to you, and some your child will have chosen from a box of books chosen by the teacher. These books will be at various levels and are to be shared with you. The books will be changed once a week on a set day. Please sign or tick the reading record to show your child has read the books as we can then count their number of reads for a reward certificate.

In Maths we are working to improve our understanding of number, shape and length. You can support your child by asking them to count forwards and backwards and to count groups of objects.

In Science we will be finding out about ourselves and how to keep healthy. Linked to this we will be making fruit salads in DT and drawing self portraits in Art. In History we will be finding out about how the school has changed as we are celebrating St John's Mead School 25th anniversary this term. In RE we will be studying 'Stories and Sacred Writings'. In PSHE we will be thinking about 'New Beginnings', and how to get on with each other.

Please feel free to share these topics with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with their class.

PE is on Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit, including something suitable for colder weather, labelled daps or trainers. 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 Friday. Please ensure your child has their books on that day so that they can be changed.

If any parents or carers would like to help by hearing readers in the class please let me know. I would appreciate any support.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hamilton