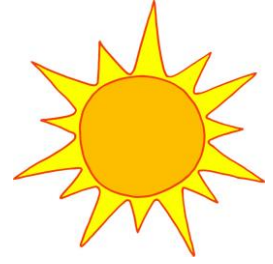


St John's Mead CEVC Primary School

Summer term 2016



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had an excellent Easter and had plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Spring sunshine. Below is an outline of what the children will be learning during this Summer term.

Our topic this term is 'Down by the Sea'. In **English**, we will be reading and writing seaside stories. We are no longer covering a different country every week, but we will be looking at Papua New Guinea for the next 3 weeks. If you have postcards, scrap books or seaside memorabilia then please send items in with your child - the children will love sharing and investigating them. We will also be looking at Rio in preparation for the Olympics. A huge thank you for all your contributions to last term's topic, the children greatly enjoyed them. We have attached this term's spellings, thank you for supporting your children with these spellings. As a result the children are able to write more fluently and consequently are writing longer pieces of work which they are proud of.

Your child will continue to bring home a selection of reading books each week. It is lovely to see so many children gaining their reading certificates, and they are very proud to go up in assembly and receive them. The daily reading that they are doing at home with you continues to be of great value and helps them to make significant progress.

In **Maths** we are working to improve our understanding of calculation (the children are using methods such as number lines or partitioning for addition and subtraction; arrays for multiplication and division - ask your child to show you how!), money (giving change and adding coins), and fractions. Children would all benefit from weighing objects **at home**, such as in cooking; telling the time using an analogue clock, and by practising times tables (2, 5 and 10). Any opportunity to use coins would help children improve their understanding of money. Later, we will also be looking at capacity and measuring liquids.

Our RE topic this term is based around belonging to a community, and in PSHE the children will be focusing on relationships and changes.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hamilton and Miss Williams