

ST JOHN'S MEAD CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Term 2016

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

Due to the children's interest in animals, our topic for this term is 'Pets and Vets'! Please see the 'Growth Green' diagram on the parent noticeboard to see the children's questions about this topic, and the Yippee Yellow diagram to see the children's learning about Space. This will include inviting pets to visit the classroom. If your child has any allergies to pet hair etc. please notify us. If you have a pet you would like to show us, you can sign up on our class timetable for a session to visit.

Some of the work will be done through stories and information books e.g.:

The Perfect Pet
Pets and Vets
Who's Baby
Living Eggs
Rainbow Fish
Noah's Ark
The Great Pet Sale.

In Maths we continue to develop skills in the following:- counting (0-20 and beyond); number patterns; addition (including double numbers, near doubles, number bonds to 5 or 10); subtraction; 3D and 2D shape – names and simple properties; measuring skills (non standard units to weigh and measure – e.g. unifix bricks, hand-spans) and recognition of pattern and symmetry. We will be using maths knowledge to solve simple problems and play games.

Here are a few ideas to help your child at home

- Read with your child regularly and talk about the book and the story characters.
- Look at non-fiction books, together discuss how they differ from story books e.g. contents and index pages.
- Encourage 'reason to write' activities at home. For example encourage your child to write a shopping list, create a scrap book for trips they have been on, or write a letter to a relative or friend.
- Play simple counting, recognition of numbers to 20 and adding games e.g. snakes and ladders, ludo, dominoes or adding two dice together.
- Talk about your child's day and share your day with them.

RE – our theme is Relationships e.g. making friends, working together, and conflict resolution.

We would like to encourage children to bring in topic related items, favourite toys or books to show on **Wednesday** or **Friday** for Show and Tell. Please refer to parent noticeboard to check the date for your child's session. It would really help your child if you talked about their object before they did Show and Tell e.g. why did they choose it? What do they do with it? Why is it special? How did they make it? How does it make them feel? Where did they get it from? What is it made from?

The children continue to enjoy our daily milk and fruit sessions, so we value your weekly contributions. We thank you for your continued support with your child's reading etc. It is useful if they bring their book bag to school every day.

PE days - Wednesday and Friday. We will be going outside for PE (weather permitting!). Please include a pair of daps or trainers with their PE kit. For safety, please would you ensure that long hair is tied back on PE days. Our sessions will include country dance and gym.

Thank you.

