



St John's Mead CEVC Primary School
Autumn Term 1 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

Our topic in Term 1 is '*Wish you were here?*'. Below are some of the learning challenges we will be investigating:

Where would you like to go on holiday? What makes a good holiday? How can we persuade tourists to visit a holiday destination? Where in the world are we? How can we find information about a country? How do artists portray the seaside? What forces are around us? How can we use instruments to compose seaside music?

The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/postcards/pictures/travel brochures/souvenirs to share with their class. If you feel you have any expertise in this area, e.g. you work in the travel industry, please let us know.

In English we will be writing recounts, adventure stories and poetry. This term's maths targets will focus on the understanding of place value and rounding of numbers. We will also be developing mental addition and subtraction skills. During our Science lessons we will be investigating forces around us, including magnets. This term in RE, we will be studying prayer and worship in Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity as well as Harvest. In PSHE lessons your child will be learning about 'New Beginnings'.

PE is on Tuesday and Friday please ensure earrings are removed and long hair is tied back on these days. Your child should have a labelled PE kit (including daps or trainers) in school, this will be sent home at the end of each term for washing. Liberty class will be swimming this term on Tuesdays: please refer to the separate swimming letter information on dates, times and swimwear.

Our library day is Tuesday. Children should bring in their library books every Tuesday so that they can be changed. All children will also have a reading book, which should travel to home and school every day. Please record in your child's reading record every time they are heard reading.

This year homework will include reading (4 times a week), spelling, number clubs, maths games, Skoolbo and topic. All information regarding homework will be stuck in this book. Number clubs will be tested on a Tuesday afternoon.

If any parents would like to help with the class please let me know. If anyone could help hear individual readers it would be really appreciated. We would like to invite you to a 'Meet the teacher session' 3:30pm Wednesday 14th September in your child's classroom, where I can answer any queries or provide further information. If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Walker