



St John's Mead CEVC Primary School

Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a lovely summer break.

Our **topic** this term is '999', which will include the emergency services, road safety and fire. Please share this topic with your child, discussing road safety when out and about and fire safety in the home. We are looking forward to visits from the police and fire service to start us off!

In **English** we will be focussing on stories involving the emergency services - Burglar Bill; recounts of events experienced; poetry involving sounds and repetition; instructions for how to build a fire engine and Christmas stories based on wishes.

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 selection in the classroom. 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 try to read daily with your child - frequency of reading opportunities has an enormous impact on a child's current and future attainment. 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. Only one read can be given per day regardless of the amount of books your child reads, however if they read with teacher or parent helper in school, they will be awarded an extra read. Should any of you have any spare time to support with reading, please come and see me - I am always grateful for any help! Our class **library day** is Wednesday: please ensure your child returns their library book on this day (unless they have not finished reading it).

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 from a given number, to count groups of objects and to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In **Science** we will be investigating seasonal changes, focussing on Autumn and Winter, as well as 'light', linking in with our fire topic. Our **RE** is focussed around spiritual development through stories, with our **PSHE** (personal, social and health education) considering new beginnings.

PE is on Tuesday and Friday although it is best to have the kit in school all week in case of timetable changes, or additional opportunities. Please ensure that your child's **PE kit** includes something suitable for colder weather and daps or trainers. If your child wears earrings please make sure they are removed for PE days, otherwise there is tape in the classroom to cover them. Long hair must also be tied back on these days.

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me. There will be an initial opportunity for you all to meet me on Tuesday 13th September from 3:15 until 4:00pm in class Explorer.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Williams