



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break and the children are feeling refreshed and revitalised for the forthcoming term.

### Language, Oracy and Literacy

This term the children will be working on a Choral Piece of Poetry in connection with the Great Fire of London. This will be linked to our Place and Time Topic and you will be able to see the finished work at our Assemblies after half term. The children will also be learning about the features of Recount Genre.

### Mathematics

Some of the areas covered in maths this term are:

- Solving problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication or division in contexts of numbers, measures or pounds and pence.
- Partitioning numbers within the area of number and place value ( $36 = 30 + 6$ )
- Identifying reflective symmetry in patterns and 2-D shapes and draw lines of symmetry in shapes.
- Answering questions by collecting and recording data in lists and tables; represent the data as block graphs or pictograms to show results; use ICT to organise and present data.
- Understand simple fractions e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of two quarters and one half.

### Science and Technology

This term the children will be learning about Habitats .They will learn that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and they will be able to describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. They will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. They will learn how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

### Place and Time

In Place and Time this term the children are going to be studying a famous building. This building is St Paul's Cathedral and will include a class visit to this famous London landmark. The children will locate St Paul's on Google Earth, they will learn about the Great Fire of London and how the cathedral was rebuilt after it was destroyed, and how important it was in World War 2 as a symbol of hope.

### Arts and Creativity

All Arts and Creativity is linked to our Place and Time work. The children will be learning to sing in a round. They will be copying various iconic images of St Paul's Cathedral using a variety of medium.

### Physical and Emotional Health

The children will continue to develop their multi skills within invasion games such as rugby and football. As well as this the children will be having gymnastic lessons, focusing on agility and balance.

### Faith and Belief

In Faith and Belief this term we are studying Judaism. The children will explore the relationship that Jews have with Gog and how this affects their daily lives.

### Citizenship and Ethics

This term's unit is 'Equality'. The children will be learning about inclusion, and discrimination against others. Weekly Circle Time discussions will be focused around the children goals for the term, looking at their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively.

### Homework

Spellings are given on a Monday and tested on Monday the following week, another piece of homework is given on Wednesday and Reading comprehension is given on Friday. Phonics homework may also be given during the week. The children will also be tested regularly on their times tables. Should you wish your child to be tested on a particular times table, please leave a note in their homework book.

We would ask you to read with your child daily, please make sure that you sign and date your child's reading log when you have heard them read. If there is anything that you would like to comment on, please feel free to do so in their diary.

If you have any queries or questions, please make an appointment to see me (Mr Bhadye).

Below are a few useful websites you may wish to visit with your child:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) A website the children are familiar with, which a range of phonics games and activities.

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) This site provides links to other websites with a wide range of interactive games in both maths and literacy.

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) An excellent site, which allows you to input spellings, to help learn weekly spellings and spelling stars.

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk) This website has games for both Key Stage One and Two and has links to lots of websites to help with all aspects of mathematics.

Kind regards

*Mr N Bhadye and Mrs S Casey*