



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, alongside non-fiction writing. This will be linked to our Place and Time Topic and you will be able to see the finished work at our Assemblies after the February 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:

- Partitioning numbers to use the vertical column method of addition and subtraction.
- Using our understanding of the inverse operation, calculate missing number problems.
- 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 and calculate simple fractions e.g.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of two quarters and one half.

### Science and Technology

Our science work this term is all about healthy living. The children will learn that to stay alive, grow and be healthy, people and animals need food and water. Also as part of learning about the importance of a balanced diet, the children will be designing and making their own healthy fruit smoothies.

### 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; this includes a song, choral piece and a dance. They will be creating various iconic images of St Paul's Cathedral and other London Landmarks using a variety of medium.

### Physical and Emotional Health

The children will be developing their movement skills in dance lessons. As well as this the children will be having gymnastic lessons (2W), focusing on agility and balance and tennis lessons (2C), focusing on hand-eye co-ordination skills.

### Faith and Belief

In Faith and Belief this term we are studying Judaism, focusing on The Passover. The children will explore the relationship that Jews have with God 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. Reading comprehension is given on Friday to be handed in on Mondays. Phonics and/or handwriting homework will also be given on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Wednesday varying between Maths and SPAG. The children will also be tested weekly on their times tables.

Please read with your child daily and ensure 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 Miss Wetherell or Mrs Casey.

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

*Miss J Wetherell and Mrs S Casey*