



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break with you family and friends. We are all so proud of the children and their Nativity Performance! Weren't they amazing? We would also like to thank you for all your kind Christmas wishes and generous gifts. We are excited to be back and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We have so many fantastic learning adventures planned and cannot wait to share them with you and your children.

Mrs Lewis and Miss Whitbread

## *We will enjoy learning about...*

### **Term 3 – Bright Lights, Big City**



Our theme this term is 'London- Bright Lights, Big City'.

In English our main texts will be 'We completely must go to London,' 'Paddington Bear' and 'What the Ladybird Heard on Holiday'. This will support our learning about our chosen topic as well as provide opportunities to explore rhyme, write poems, write recounts through postcards, letters and diaries and retell stories.

In Geography we will be finding out about our Country and it's Capital. We will explore London and it's Landmarks; enhancing our provision to support this and other learning. For example, when investigating materials, we will do this in our 'Science Museum'. Our Creative Workshop will become the 'Tate Museum' and continuing our interest in Earth Heroes we have decided to create a role-play area - 'The National History Museum'. In History we will support our studies, by beginning to learn about The Queen as a significant person. In Design Technology we will plan, select resources and create London Landmark models



### **Term 4 – Off We Go To Mexico!**

In English, our focus text will be 'Off We Go To Mexico'. This will support our learning about the country, as well as aid us in writing recounts, travel brochures and information leaflets /booklets about the country and places to visit there.

In Science we will find out about animals and how to name, group and classify them. In Geography we will be learning about Mexico City, comparing it to our own culture and village. As a continuation of our self-portrait work about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, we will be creating our own flower headbands, as well as exploring other Mexican Art work.

In Maths we will explore addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 50), including multiples of 2, 5s, and 10s; as well as measurement - length and height and weight and volume.

Lessons in Information Technology will focus on storing and retrieving information and algorithms. In PSHE we will discuss and support the importance of 'Going for Goals' and value why it's 'Good to be Me!' In Music the children will use their voices expressively and creatively; and learn to play tuned and untuned instruments. As part of our Physical Education lessons, we will be taking part in Gymnastics with Mrs Castle and Modern Dance with Mrs Lewis and Miss Whitbread. We will also be having some Cricket lessons expertly run by Matthew from Chance to shine Cricket.

## Welly Walk Wednesdays

We will visit the Pine Gardens to explore the changing seasons - Winter and Spring. We will be taking part in the Big Bird Watch, making our own bird watching dens. We will draw maps and follow them to find out about the Post Office, sending letters to London and Paddington Bear. We will continue to find out about places to visit and enjoy in St Margaret's.

Please look out for Parent Mail informing of future planned adventures.

Our village walks will again include visiting the local library to borrow books about our current topics and interests.

Term 3 - 15<sup>th</sup> January Term 4 – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## Phonics

In phonics we will be learning about alternative pronunciations and alternative spellings (phase 5).

As discussed at parents evening, the children will bring home their learning to share with you during the week. Sometimes we may send home an extra activity for your child to carry out with you at home. Last term the children and their families found it useful to gain an understanding of what their child is doing in phonics and for the children to consolidate what they have learnt.

Please speak to us if you have any questions.

## Pre Cursive handwriting

*You may have noticed your child is beginning to attempt to write in pre cursive. We are now beginning to encourage the children to give this a go when writing if they would like to. As the year progresses we will practise letter formation with your children.*

*More information to follow.*

## • Just a Few Things to Remember...

- P.E with Mr Castle continues to be on a Friday and either Monday or Tuesday with ourselves.
- Please could all uniform be labelled to avoid lost items. It is difficult to match up items of uniform to children at the end of the day if they are not named.
- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school. These should only contain water and needs to be taken home every day for washing and refilling.
- Tuck shop continues to be on a Friday morning. Prices range from 25p to 50p
- **Home Learning** continues be handed out on a Friday and is to be returned on a Wednesday. Please remember to date your child's work.
- **Reading Books** – please remember to keep reading books in your child's book bag. We continue to aim to hear the children read at least once a week and have their books changed.
- **Golden Time** - continues on a Friday as a reward for good behaviour.