



## Infant School Newsletter Monday 17th October 2016



Thank you to all of our parents who managed to attend the parents evening sessions last week. We really enjoyed talking to you about how well your children are settling into their new classes and routines and hearing how much they are thoroughly enjoying our topic.

This week is PSHE week, we will be:

- Learning facts about how important it is to keep clean
- Discovering how we get clean water and where our water goes to be cleaned
- Investigating countries around the world who do not have clean water and the impact that it has on the lives of the children and their families
- Discussing why we are able to be vaccinated to prevent us catching disease, yet other children in other parts of the world are not as lucky
- Investigating money and using money skills in simple calculations in Maths
- Developing our coordination and movement skills in PE
- Investigating different materials in Science
- Sounding out and blending in phonics
- Meeting a fire Officer who is coming into our assembly to talk to us about his job

### Guided Reading

Whilst we would love to hear the children read individually on a weekly basis, it would take about 5 hours a week to hear each child read; and the constraints of the new curriculum are such that the teachers are constantly teaching high quality lessons to the children throughout the day, and the time to hear them read individually is incredibly limited. To ensure that the children are heard read on a weekly basis and are taught the skills of reading such as: speech bubbles, speech marks, ellipsis, bold, italics, reading for an audience etc. the class teacher hears the children read during guided reading sessions. This provides high quality teaching of reading whilst, at the same time allowing the teacher to hear your child read.

Please continue to hear your child read on a daily basis at home. This is part of their weekly homework and, as part of our morning routine we do ask the children to change their books once read at home. If you are having any issues where your child does not want to read at home, please let us know and we will endeavour to help you! Many thanks.

### Visits linked to our topic

It was lovely to hear how much the children are enjoying the topic of the Great Fire of London, The Great Plague and Samuel Pepys. There are some great attractions in London that you may be interested in visiting, whether it is this half term or the next summer holidays! Climb the Great Fire of London Monument - it has amazing views and you receive a certificate for climbing all the steps. You can walk from the Monument to Seething Lane (where Pepys lived). The Museum of London has lots of Fire and Plague exhibits. We have recently learnt about Edward Jenner. His home is now a museum in Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Reading Breakfast & Open Morning

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

End of Term

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

The Infant School team