

# Jet Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2017

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. The children have loved sharing all their stories about their summer holidays in class this week.. We are looking forward to an exciting year with so much to look forward to. We will be working through the Primary National Curriculum and introducing our new, exciting cornerstones topic.

### Cornerstones

For the first half of the autumn term our topic is 'Street Detectives' where we will learning about our local community and using our clipboards, cameras and investigative skills to find out how the streets in our area may have changed since our families were younger. We will be linking this topic with our English as well as lots of other subjects. We are introducing this topic with a walk around a local community next week. We will be inviting parents in at the end of each topic to see what all the children have been learning. Our first express day will be on *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15 in the classroom.*

After half term we will be moving on to a topic called Beat, Band and Boogie where we will be learning about the sounds all around us and then creating our own performance.

### Reading

Please could you continue to listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes once a day and record this in their contact books. These are checked every day and reading books will be changed when your child has finished their book. To encourage the children to read we have an incentive in the classroom; every time a child finishes their book they fly higher and higher to the sky.

### PE

Thank you to all of you who have sent in PE kits already. Our PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday. Please could you ensure that earrings are removed for PE days as we do not want any accidents. Please could also you make sure that all PE clothing items are named as they do sometimes get mislaid. Some of these lessons will be outside, even during the colder months so please make sure your child has the following:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- T-shirt (coloured t-shirts are available from PMG Schoolwear)
- Shorts
- Jogging bottoms

Over the course of the term, the children will be developing their throwing and catching skills through multi-sports and for their indoor sessions will be doing dance.

### R.E.

Our focus for R.E. for the first half term is special people and key figures such as Jesus, Muhammad and Moses. After half term we will be looking at Christmas and the stories and symbols associated with Christmas.

### **Home learning**

This year's home learning, which consists of a maths and literacy task, will be set on a Monday. The tasks will normally be on Mathletics and Spellodrome and we expect the children to have completed both these tasks by the following Monday. If your child cannot access the internet, the school runs a Mathletics and Spellodrome club every lunchtime.

### **Contact Books**

Jet Class will continue to bring home their contact books which we ask you to sign on a daily basis. If you have any messages for any of us please write these in the contact book.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating our annual harvest festival on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. To mark harvest at Knollmead we will be having a special assembly and would like to donate food to a local charity. Therefore, please send your child into school with a small donation, such as tinned food, fruit, vegetables or dried goods such as pasta and rice on *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September*.

If you have any questions please ask me and we hope you have a wonderful weekend after this busy week back!

Miss Jackson and Mrs Richards (TA)