



### Yellow Class Newsletter - Autumn term 1 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Autumn term at Emersons Green. We're looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground if you have any questions.

In our Literacy Hour this half term we are reading stories and a variety of poems with familiar settings. Our non-fiction work will be looking at instruction texts. 'Show and Tell' is held on a Friday morning when children can bring in things they would like to show the class, or share any special news.

In our Numeracy lessons we will be having daily mental maths activities, followed by work on various maths topics such as number, length, time and shape. We will have a special focus on learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Our Science work this half term is all about Health and Growth. We will be learning that animals (including humans) grow and reproduce and thinking about how we can stay healthy.

In RE we are finding out about the story "Exodus" when Moses led his people out of Egypt to the Land that God promised them. We will also be finding out about the Jewish festivals that celebrate this.

In Design and Tecnology we are using the computer to design costumes for the Exodus story. We will then make the costumes and use them to dress dolls so that we can create an animated story in ICT.

In Geography our topic is "Tocuaro: A Mexican Village". We will be learning about what life is like for the Horta family, who live in a small village near Mexico City.

Over the next two terms in History we are finding out about the Great Fire of London. This term we will need cereal boxes to make model houses from 1666.

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure children have the correct kit for these days.

Spelling books will be coming home on a Friday and tests will be held the following Friday. It would help if children could practise spelling these words every day. They have to LOOK at the word, SAY the word, SPELL the word out loud, COVER the word, WRITE the word from memory and then CHECK the word to make sure it is spelt correctly.

Please can the children bring in a cereal box for our History project and a shoe box for our RE project.

If there are any parents who would like to come into school for an hour or so to help each week, please see us or put a note in the diary. We would really appreciate it! Thank you.

Please catch us on the playground or make a note in the Home/School diary if you have any further queries or concerns.

Thank you.

Mr Poole

Mrs Sheldrick

## Homework ideas for Year 2 children

### **Literacy**

Share stories and poems with familiar settings, e.g. going to school, the park, days out. Talk about the characters and setting. After reading try to retell the story from memory thinking about what happened first, next, then, after that, finally...

Review spellings from the summer term in Year 1 and begin to look at 'tricky words' for Year 2 (These are high frequency words and lists will be sent home in a few weeks time). In October we will be trying to learn some simple poems by heart, so children can bring in any collections of poems they have at home and try to learn their favourite one.

### **Numeracy**

Practise number bonds to 10 and work on number bonds to 20, using number bonds to 10:

$$6 + 4 = 10 \text{ so } 16 + 4 = 20$$

$$8 + 2 = 10 \text{ so } 18 + 2 = 20$$

Look at all the coins in a purse. Try to name them all and do some simple adding sums with coins. Use coins to pay for things and work out change up to 20p.

Using a centimetre ruler measure things around the house. Write down these measurements and bring them into school at the end of September, when we will be working on measures in class.

### **Science**

Think about healthy eating and taking care of our bodies. We will be keeping a food/exercise diary later on in September (We will put more information in Home/School Diaries nearer the time) so this will need completing at home. Find out about animals and their babies - how do they care for them? How do our parents care for us?

### **Geography**

Find out about Mexico. Visit the library or look on the internet and find out about life in Mexico. Is it the same as life in England? Bring in anything interesting you find out.