

# Spring Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a relaxing and joyous Christmas break. It's lovely the children are back at school this week, full of smiles and enthusiasm.

We are delighted to introduce a new Teacher of the Deaf joining our team. Her name is Mairead Tyreman and she is highly experienced in working with young deaf children who have additional needs. Mairead would love to meet our families at the parent's open morning on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, or on another date if that date / time is inconvenient for you.

Our topic this half term is 'Famous people in the past such as Grace Darling, Walt Disney, Michael Jackson, Queen Victoria, Van Gogh and Lord William Armstrong. These famous people are linked with history, sports, science, art and media interests which will help us find out about the world around us and different people both in the modern world and in the past.



In literacy we will continue to be working on our communication, BSL, reading and writing, reading a variety of non-fiction books linked to famous people. We will also be making our own books linked to these famous people and having lots of fun looking at how, where they lived and comparing them to our own lives. Poppy our SaLT is continuing to work with us in individual sessions and smiLE programme and also in class supporting us in our expressive and receptive skills lessons where we are making steady progress in developing our understanding of the question 'who does what?'

In maths we will continue working at our own individual pace with our knowledge of number and shape space and measure. We will also be looking at fractions, time and money using a variety of practical activities. In science we will be looking at how to stay fit and healthy and linking this into our food technology where we will be choosing foods are healthy to eat by making a variety of healthy snacks.



Sarah will continue to teach us for our RE, art and humanities work where we will be exploring creation and baptism and historical and geographical aspects of famous people in our topic work. In art we will be looking at moving pictures through animation through 2D and 3D models. This will link in our developing knowledge of ICT.

As you can see we already have lots planned. We are all looking forward to this term and are planning to keep the children really busy learning lots of new things. If there is anything you wish to discuss please feel free to come into school or telephone me at any time

With best wishes

Penny, Sarah, Mairead and the team.