



## MARYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PARENTS' TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR CLASS 1 + 2 – Autumn Term 2015

We hope you will find the following information useful in understanding the work we will be covering with your child this term. We look forward to a successful year for everyone.

SUBJECT	WORK TO BE COVERED
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	We focus on self-care, behaviour and self-control. There will be lots of focus on settling in activities to help the children understand school rules and routines. We will explore themes such as 'being a good friend', sharing and resolving conflicts. We will be encouraging the children to use good manners and develop positive attitudes to learning.
<b>Communication and language Literacy: Reading Writing</b>	Each day we have RWI, learning to say and write our sounds. We are focusing on recognising and writing our names and learning the first 31 sounds in order to begin blending to read. Your child will choose a book to bring home at least once a week. You can help by reading with or to your child and by discussing the book and characters. We will also be working on enriching vocabulary, using a word of the week. We will be reading a range of different literature, including poetry. Drama will help us enhance the pleasure of reading. We will explore poetry and recite them in class, while focusing on the importance of articulation.
<b>Physical Development</b>	The children will think about the effect of exercise on their bodies. In PE we will work on body and spatial awareness. We will follow a dance programme and play games using beanbags and balls.
<b>Mathematics</b>	We will be singing number songs and counting at every opportunity! We will be doing lots of work on counting, number recognition and formation, more and less and sorting and matching. There will be lots of practical work and problem solving.
<b>Understanding the World</b>	We will be learning about the whole school theme of 'Inventions', and understanding what inventors are, what they do, comparing old and new technology, and using different materials to create our own art work. We will use a range of media and technology to create different types of art and share with others.
<b>Expressive arts and design</b>	Linking to the theme of 'Inventions', we will have lots of opportunities to make things, paint and draw. We will experiment with colour mixing, and talk about how colours and music make us feel. We have a junk box in each class where we encourage the children to reuse things such as cereal boxes, yoghurt pots etc rather than throwing them away, so please feel free to send some in. We will have a singing and dance session each week.
<b>Ongoing home support</b>	Please read with your child, they will bring a book home at least once a week. Reading doesn't just mean your child reading to you. You can read to them, talk to them about the characters or ask them to make up a story using the pictures. Encourage their 'mark making' especially writing their name and numbers 1-10. Also give children opportunities to practise independence skills such as using a knife and fork, dressing, doing up buttons and zips. (It will soon be time for Winter coats!)

Thank you, Reception teachers