

## The Yellow Room

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you to the Yellow Room this year. It is a wonderful year for the children and in the autumn term we learn about exciting new topics, have our first swimming lesson and perform the starring roles in the School Nativity. We can't wait to get started. These are the topics we are covering this term:

### History and Geography

#### Toys

The children will learn about modern and past toys in our history lessons. In literacy we will read and write about books by the author Mini Grey. This topic will culminate with a trip to the Museum of Childhood just before half term. A letter will go out soon with the full details of the trip.

#### Islands

The Yellow Room will spend a day in full pirate costume (details to come out later), to really get into character for this exciting topic. We will be writing fact files about famous pirates, such as Grace O'Malley and writing our own stories featuring pirates. Linking in with our pirates theme, we will be looking at islands from all over the world. We will learn about map symbols and how to use compass points for directions.

### Science

#### Autumn 1 Forces

Linking up with our toys topic, we are looking at how forces can change the movement and shape of an object. This will involve lots of practical work including an experiment about the shape of bubbles.

#### Autumn 2 Health and Growth

The children will be discussing and learning about how to be healthy and safe, as well as learning about different food types and the stages of growth.

### Other information about the Yellow Room:

- Spelling tests will take place every Friday (starting 21<sup>st</sup> Sept). Your child will be given their spelling book to take home afterwards. Please make sure it is back in their folder for Monday.
- P.E. is every Monday and Thursday this term. Aerobics is on a Friday for half the class, with the other half having it the following week. The children should be wearing safe and comfortable clothing and footwear for these activities.
- Swimming is every Wednesday. As well as swimwear and a towel, please include a hat and goggles in their rucksack. Children with long hair should also bring a hair bobble. Please make sure your child is wearing clothes that they find easy to change, for examples, leggings rather than tights! Swimming will start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.
- The children can borrow a library book to read at home and this is changed fortnightly on Fridays (starting 14<sup>th</sup> Sept). We are very grateful to receive the books back on time.
- 'Tell us 5 things', our oracy session, will take place on a Friday. Please see the letter attached for more details. The week before it is your child's turn a label in the diary will notify you of when this will be. If the date isn't suitable please let us know and we can change it.
- Your child will read with a teacher every day (Julia, Amy, Luke or Catherine).
- Our normal timetable will involve Julia teaching the class on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Amy teaching them on Tuesday and Friday. Catherine is with the class all week. We work very closely as a team so please don't hesitate to ask any of us any questions!

Finally, please keep using the homework diaries as a form of communication. Let us know when you have finished reading a book with a comment or tick and don't hesitate to ask any questions or queries this way.

Many thanks, Julia, Amy and Catherine ☺☺☺

