



## Buttercup, Sunshine and Canary

### A message from the team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new year, 2018! We have many exciting learning experiences planned for this term that I am sure the children will find most enjoyable! We will be learning about myths and legends from different parts of the world. We will also be reading 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' which will be accompanied by some descriptive and persuasive writing.

It is important that everyone arrives at school on time with their bookbag and PE kits on the relevant days. If you have any queries, then please see one of us either in the morning or after school. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school!

Ms Begum, Miss Aden and Mr Hart (Class teachers)



### Our topic this term – Myths and Legends

In **Literacy**, we will learning to write descriptively using figurative language to create atmosphere. We will also be doing some debate work and learning to write persuasively about whether children should work or not.

In **Maths**, we will be consolidating some of our key arithmetic skills like multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10. We will also be moving on to learning about different aspects fractions, decimals and percentages.

In **Science**, we will be exploring states of matter and the processes needed to move between them with a focus on observation and fair testing.

In **Computing**, we will be researching and exploring animation programmes.

In **Art/DT**, we will be learning a range of sewing skills to produce topic related artefacts.

In **PSHE**, we will be exploring who we are and what rights we have as a global citizen.

In **French**, we will be learning key vocabulary regarding places in towns and directional language.

In **Music**, we will learning how to play the ukulele with our specialist music teacher.

In **Geography and History**, we will exploring cultures that link to the myths and legends we will be learning about and the differences between these places.

## Teacher Timetable

Ms Begum will be out of class on Thursday afternoons. On the day she is not in class she will be covered by our Sports Coach and Ms Duggan.

Miss Aden will be out of class on Thursday afternoons. On the afternoon she is not in class she will be covered by our Sports Coach and Ms Duggan.

Mr Hart will be out of class on Monday afternoons. On the days he is not in class he will be covered by Miss Young, our Sports Coach and Ms Duggan.

## Key dates for this half term



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Number Day  
Myths and Legends London tour – Date  
TBC

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of half  
term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – First day of  
Spring 2

## P.E. times



Sunshine – Thursdays

Buttercup – Mondays

Canary – Thursdays

Please remember to bring your PE kit, which is a house colour t-shirt, blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

Each class goes swimming on Thursdays. Please ensure you child has a full swimming kit.

## Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



- We will be giving home learning on **Friday**. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it by **Wednesday**.
- Every child **MUST** be reading at home **EVERY** night and the reading record must be signed by a parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning their times tables and related division facts.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child to complete these projects.

## Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

