



### Last half-term, we enjoyed...

A warm welcome back and welcome to our final term from the Red Class team! The children are making fantastic progress and are so happy and settled on their return to school. They continue to make us so very proud!

- Learning about the past: the Moon landing, dinosaurs, old toys and the 1980s
- Our first trip to the Toy museum at the Judges Lodgings
- Exploring artefacts from the past
- Hatching chicks and caterpillars and watching them grow in our classroom
- Growing plants, learning about the seasons and enhancing our garden

### This term, we are looking forward to...

This half term, our topic is **Wet and Wild**. Here, we will be learning about a range of different environments and animals through exciting fiction, non-fiction and poetry books. We will learn about animals and contrasting habitats including the African Savannah, the desert, the rainforest, under the sea and the arctic. In red class, we name animals, discover which animals live where and why as well as the conditions of the different areas of our world. Exciting!

Next half term, our topic is **Our Wonderful World – Holidays**.

### Key Vocabulary

- Topic words: **Past, present, years ago, long time ago, artefacts, grow, change, seed, egg, hatch, light, water, baby, adult**
- Behaviour for learning vocabulary: **determined, effort, positive**
- Maths vocabulary: **greater, more, less, fewer, heavy, light, longer, shorter**
- Phonics words, **phoneme, grapheme, digraph, build, blend, smooth read, segment**
- Book words: **characters, setting, author, illustrator, fiction (story), non-fiction (information)**
- We are working on asking questions using **when, what, why, how** and using conjunction words **and, because** and **when**

### Important days and dates

PE is on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please continue to wear active uniform (see the website for more details.)

Mrs Turner teaches the class on a **Wednesday** all day.

Reading books will be changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please continue to read as often as possible (daily ideally) with your child – it truly makes a huge difference. Re-read books if you can as this helps develop fluency. Also, please don't forget to write what they have read in their communication books so we know when to change books. Please bring book bags and books daily so that we can read with your child in school and also pass on any messages. Thank you.

**May Bank Holiday:** 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Sports Day:** 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Summer Fair:** 20<sup>th</sup> June