

Dear Parents,

Application focus days:

In order to strengthen pupils' achievement further we have been looking at ways to ensure we teach all subjects in sufficient depth. **Next week** we are piloting what we are calling application focus days. The idea is that all classes will come off their normal timetables and spend a minimum of 1 day working in depth on a specific outcome that relates to their CLJ unit. Teachers have planned opportunities for children to practise and apply skills that they have learned this half term and across the curriculum during the day. For example Year 2 will be making bread and a specific Y2 science skill they will be practising is "*find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching*". We hope the children will really enjoy the experience and that some great learning and skills practise will take place. It is our intention to create portfolios of work which we will publish in the curriculum section of our website. Below is the list of outcomes and related CLJ units for each class:

Year group	CLJ unit	Application focus day outcome
EYFS	People who help us	Designing and making a uniform for people who help us
Y1	Toys	Planning a Teddy bear's picnic
Y2	The Fire of London	Making bread
Y3	Romans	Planning a "Toga" party
Y4	Vikings	Designing and making Viking shields and masks
Y5	Macbeth	Creating a shadow puppet theatre scene from Macbeth
Y6	WWII	Designing and making Anderson shelters

RE focus days:

Carrying on with curriculum news, we will also be introducing RE focus days from next half term. Across the school year the six major world religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism) will be covered on specific days. So next half term on March 15th, the whole school will be focussing on **Sikhism** with each class learning about a different aspect of the religion. Those aspects are: EYFS – Names; Y1 – Festivals; Y2 – Beliefs; Y3 – Places of worship and symbols; Y4 – Religious figures; Y5 – Artefacts; Y6 Stories.

E-safety:

Safer Internet Day 2016 is on Tuesday 9th February 2016 with the theme 'Play your part for a better internet', offering the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a better internet. We will be having a special assembly on the subject on Tuesday and all classes will be doing activities to do with the theme throughout the day.

Dates for the Spring term 2016:

Tuesday 9th February – Parent open morning 9:10 – 10:10; Y2 to St Paul's Cathedral (after the open morning)

Thursday 11th February – Y5 to Southwark Playhouse to watch Macbeth

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – half term break

Monday 22nd February – E-safety workshop for Y6 with Childnet; YR eye screening

Thursday 25th February – Y1 to Museum of London

Monday 29th February – last swimming session for Y3

Monday 29th February – Thursday 3rd February – book fair after school in the ICT suite

Tuesday 1st March – Y1 to Kew Gardens

Friday 4th March – height and weight measurements for YR and Y6 with the school nurse

Monday 7th March – Y2 start swimming

Tuesday 8th March – Spring term parent consultations

Wednesday 9th March – Spring term parent consultations

Tuesday 15th March – whole school RE focus day

Thursday 24th March – last day of Spring term. No Playcentre