



April 2009

Bricknell Primary

## What did we get up to last term?

- We had a great time during Mosaic week, in which the children visited different year groups and looked at a range of different countries. This involved lots of making, music and tasting
- As a year group we spent three afternoons last term undertaking India activities, including cooking curry!
- Well done to all the children who auditioned for parts in Joseph, we were spoilt for choice. Main parts will be given out soon, however there are still some smaller parts to be decided
- We held our SATs meeting for parents in January. Thank you to all those who attended
- In the second to last week of term we had an Easter task. As a year group the children worked in mixed teams to build a structure to hold six crème eggs. They all tried really hard, had lots of fun and created a range of successful structures



## Coming up ...

- **SATs Week Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of May**
- High Adventure 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Joseph rehearsals to begin soon



## Topics this half term



During Literacy this term we will be exploring structural and organisational features of non-fiction texts, along with looking at language features, writing style, punctuation and use of extended sentences. We will be undertaking extensive reading along with discussing personal reading with others. Our topic focus for all Literacy work will be *'Wallace and Gromit'*.

In Maths we will be problem solving, interpreting data and drawing conclusions from results, looking at a range of efficient written methods and effective mental maths methods. Some areas covered include: properties of shape, averages, inverse operations, percentages, fractions and decimals.

Science will cover a range of topics while exploring key skills such as: planning investigations, experimentation, drawing conclusions, identifying variables and constants as well as testing a range of suitable equipment.

Our main topic this term will be Post War Britain, covering the history of work, culture and technology. Other areas covered this half term include: Building Shelters in D & T, Relationships and Sex Education in PSHE and Outdoor Adventurous Activities in P.E.

## How can we help?

- Overseeing homework is very important; please encourage your child to read questions carefully and more than once, break questions down and to write with some speed
- At this time of the year a small amount of revision is a good idea, but also reassurance is key along with ensuring a good nights sleep
- **During SATs week attendance is obviously important**, however, if your child cannot make it to school during this week please inform school as soon as possible

## Other Information

- Reminder: **SATs week 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**, for the SATs timetable please turn over
- During SATs week the children will not need to bring any equipment, school will provide it all
- Please send High Adventure money as soon as possible, as we do have some outstanding. All cheques should be made payable to Bricknell Primary School. Please make sure payments are handed in to Miss Waterson

