Dear Parents,

We hope you had a nice half term and are looking forward to another busy and exciting term leading up to Christmas.

Here is an overview of the learning we will cover this half term:

Subject	Main learning
English	• Continuation of letter formation • Sentence structure – understanding what a sentence is, use of capital letters and full stops • *Once upon a picture* sentence writing – using pictures to inspire us! • Using oracy skills to learn the story of The Little Red Hen
History	• Toys – past and present. How have toys changed over the years?
Phonics/Reading	• Introducing Phase 5 sounds • Reading groups focused on comprehension, prosody and fluency
Maths	• Recapping Place value within 10 • Addition and subtraction within 10 • Number bonds within 10 • Part-whole models • Fact families
Science	Our topic of Animals, including Humans, continues • Classifying animals into groups • Exploring carnivores, herbivores and omnivores • Exploring the five senses • Autumn walk - observing and identifying seasonal changes
PSHE	• Mental health and wellbeing • Managing emotions and noticing feelings
DT	• Mechanisms: Levers and sliders • Creating our own moving scene
Computing	• Continuing with Computing Systems and Networks – Understanding the technology around us • Using the application Paint • Improving mouse and keyboard skills
RE	• Creation Stories • Different understandings/beliefs of God
PE	• Games and gymnastics
Music	• Active listening, understanding timbre, pitch, dynamics, rhyme • Learning Christmas songs

PE

Children must come to school wearing their PE kits on the day of their PE/ Games lessons.

These lessons will take place on:
1A - Tuesdays and Thursdays
1B – Mondays and Thursdays
1C - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Reading

In Year 1, children should be reading at home every day. Please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts, as well as their school reading book. We would be grateful if you could write in their reading record book when you read with them, particularly noting words and sounds they find challenging. Reading books are changed on Tuesdays and Fridays, but please can the children bring their reading books and reading records in every day.

Communication book/ Communicating with Us

In Year 1, every pupil has a communication book to promote home/school links. Please make use of these books as needed and check them daily for messages. These communication books are confidential to staff. Please inform your class teacher if your child is going home with anyone other than the parent/carer who normally picks them up. Please can the children bring their communication books in every day (even if there is no note from home), so that we can write a message in them, if needed.

Homework

Phonics: This term, we will continue to send home phonics homework on a Friday (based on our weekly sounds). Please can the children bring this back in by Wednesday at the latest.

Busy books: As the children are now developing their writing skills, it would be lovely to see more of this in their busy book. Please use this book to record anything you like using any form of media.

Shows

Look out for more information about when you'll be able to come in to see the Phase 2 Christmas Show!

Classroom Supplies

As the weather is getting colder and the cold and flu season is upon us we would be very grateful if you could send a box of tissues in for use in the class.

We really appreciate the support and encouragement you give your child and us. We hope this information helps you get involved and play an active part in their learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Year 1 team