

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have had a lovely break and are all ready for another exciting half term!

This half term, the children in Class 1 will be learning about teddy bears and toys through science, geography, design/technology, art and history lessons. We will start off thinking about real life bears, their diets and where in the world they live. We will then move onto looking at teddy bears through history, what they were made from and how to draw them using texture. We will be having a 'bring your teddy bear to school day' on **Monday 24th November**. As our topic moves on, we will look at toys in the past and around the world.

PE lessons this half term will take place on a **Wednesday** (outside PE with our sports coaches) and a **Friday**. Please could you ensure that children have their PE kits in school all week including a hoody and jogging bottoms to wear outside. 'Show and Tell' will continue to be done on a **Wednesday**, we have been really lucky to have seen some wonderful certificates, medals, artwork and photos last half term.

The children will enjoy computing, RE and music lessons this half term as well as learning phonics, English and maths. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can, **at least 4 times a week** and record this in your child's reading diary. We can really see the improvement in your child's learning and reading thanks to your regular support at home. Year 1 children are asked each day whether they need to change their reading book, Year R children will change their books once they have shared it with an adult in class as repetition of texts at this point is very important to their reading/language development and phoneme/word recognition. Thank you.

If you ever have a concern or query regarding your child, please feel free to come to see us for a quick chat before or after school or you are welcome to book an appointment if you'd like more time to talk.

We are very much looking forward to a busy, exciting half term!

With best wishes

Mrs Hayley Pratley

Ms. Emilia Munro