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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

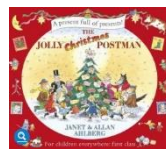
Wow! We have all enjoyed a successful start back to school, kick started our learning and had lots of fun along the way. The children have come back to school settled and ready to learn, and it has certainly paid off over the last 7 weeks. Throughout Term 1, we have learned about our school and community in Geography, explored everyday materials in Science and built a house fit for purpose in Design and Technology. Next term, Year 1 will begin their 'History of Homes' area of study, which has particular links to History. The children will explore different types of homes throughout the years and make simple comparisons between the features. They will discuss the timeline of homes in Britain before taking a closer look at what houses were like in Victorian times.

In **History**, we'll be learning to:

- Investigate our own history by looking at memories, stories, and photos.
- Explore and compare Medieval castles and buildings.
- Use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
- Explore what it would have been like to live during the Stone Age.
- Look at pre-historic artefacts and pictures of buildings.
- Ask our own questions to find out more information.
- Explain our own historical understanding.



In **English**, the children's first unit of writing will be based on the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. They will develop their understanding of nouns and verbs before writing an alternative version of the poem based on sounds that can be heard during Autumn. Later in the term, the children will explore instructional writing through the story, 'How to Catch Santa' by Jean Reagan. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will be reading 'Supertato: Evil Pea Rules', 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'.



In **Maths**, the children will be continuing to build and develop their knowledge in addition and subtraction, before moving onto looking at 2D and 3D shapes towards the end of Term 2.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be learning about seasonal changes. They will observe changes across the four seasons and describe the weather associated with each one.

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Learning at Home

In Year 1, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week and practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE for Term 2 will continue to be on a **Monday for 1KR and Tuesday for 1DF and 1AC**. Please could your child come into school dressed in their PE kit on these days. The appropriate PE kit that they need to wear to school on their PE days is a team-coloured PE top, black PE shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. Children are not permitted to wear substitute clothing such as football kits, hoodies etc. for their PE kits.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on site on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes,
The Year 1 Team

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