



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn term 2! I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term. It is so lovely to have the children back in school and I look forward to another enjoyable term with them! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your encouragement and support last term. I am so proud of how hard Year One has been working and your support at home does not go unnoticed.

Just a few reminders:

- **Spelling test**- is every Thursday. Please can you practice the spellings with your child at home so they are prepared for their test.
- **PE** - Continues to be on a Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit so they can make the most of their PE time.
- **Homework** - This will be set on a Friday evening and should be returned by the following Wednesday so it can be marked and ready to hand out on the Friday again.

We are now looking at a new topic theme this term called 'Toys-past and present'. Attached is a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas that we will cover this term. In history the children will be learning what other cultures toys are like, what their grandparent's toys were like and how to tell if toys are old or new. In science the children are learning all about "Winter". They will get to go on a winter walk around the field to learn about the signs of winter, they will observe and describe the weather associated with winter and how the day length changes and learn about what they can see, touch, smell, taste and hear during winter. In Art the children will be developing a wide range of art and design techniques including doing self-portraits, making a collage, using watercolours to make a background, creating a line drawing and creating a pop art portrait.

Reading regularly is still very important so children at school will be able to change their reading books each week. Children are expected to read 5 times a week, between their Guided Reading sessions. Please continue to write their reads in their yellow reading records so Reading Points can be awarded.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kate Mason
Year 1 Teacher