



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to Spring term 1. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Thank you for your support last term, I really appreciate it. I am incredibly proud of Year One and I have loved watching every single one of them grow and progress.

We are now looking at a new topic theme this term called 'Investigation of the Nation'. Attached is a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas that we will cover this term.

I have been very impressed with the homework Year One children have completed so far this year. The expectations for homework remains the same- homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday so that it can be marked. Spellings will also be set on a Friday. Please ensure that your child practises these in preparation for a spelling test the following Thursday.

Thank you for encouraging and listening to your child read at home. Please keep this up as it is really making a difference! Our aspiration is that all children read 5 times a week at home, between their Guided Reading sessions and will be rewarded with a reading point if they achieve this. I have attached a sticky label to your child's reading diary to let you know their book change day. However, please make sure that your child's books and reading diary in everyday as we have parent readers reading with the children so sometimes they get the opportunity for some extra practise.

PE, as usual, will be on a Friday this term. The children are lucky to be having Steph and Ollie from Montague this term. Please can you make sure that that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit, it will be outside unless it is pouring with rain! As the weather remains quite wet and changeable, please ensure that your child has a coat and wellies in school every day please. Items of clothing should be clearly named at **all** times.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely,

Miss Kate Mason
Year 1 Teacher