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KS1 Newsletter December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing term we have had! We had some superb learning in our topics of 'Autumn watch' and 'The Great Fire of London' as well as a brilliant school trip to the New Forest Wildlife Park and that's before we even mention the Nativities! We are very proud of the children and their brilliant attitudes to learning so far...a BIG well done to everyone!

New Learning Topic

Our new topic after Christmas will be called 'Toys' Children will learn:

- How toys have changed over time.
- Materials that toys are made of and why some materials are better than others.
- How to design and make their own toy.
- To create their own lullaby.
- How to use and move programmable toys.

We are also providing children with increased opportunities for writing so they can apply their skills to our topic work.

Home learning for over Christmas



Over the holiday we would love the children to use their artistic talents and create a representation of their favourite toy, it could be one Father Christmas has delivered or one they already have, in any way they choose such as;

- Model (plasticine, papier mache, cardboard boxes, clay)
- Picture (drawing, painting, crayons, felts)
- Collage (lots of different materials and textures)
- Painting (watercolour, poster paint)

Please bring these in on the first week back so the children can share them in our toy gallery!

The launch of our Toys Topic

To launch this exciting new topic we would like the children to bring in a game/toy that they are able to independently explain how to play to their friends (not electronic) on **Wednesday 9th January**. The children will be playing and reviewing each other's toys and this will link to lots of other writing opportunities. Please ensure the game is clearly labelled with their name or in a named bag to avoid any confusion.



Forest School

This half term we will be heading to the Forest School site and focussing on maths. We will be going on **Thursday 14th February**. Year 1 will go at 9.00-10.00am and Year 2 at 10.40-11.40am. Children should come to school in appropriate clothing for Forest Schools, bringing welly boots and waterproofs to school with them.

If you have completed a DBS check with the office and are able to help for either session, please let the School Office know by Friday 18th January 2019.

Save your shoe boxes!

During our 'Toys' topic we are hoping to use shoe boxes to create a moving toy. Please could you save shoe boxes of any kind and any size and bring them to school after Christmas. We will not need them until the **week beginning 4th February** so keep collecting them!



Continue with home learning over the holiday!

Please carry on reading Bug Club books online and any reading books they bring home and hopefully any books that the children get for Christmas.

My Maths for Year 2 has been set for over the holidays and Year 1's please continue accessing online maths games such as;

- Top marks website (5-7 years)
- Moose maths
- ICT games

We will be looking into using a program called Purple Mash to support our maths home learning for Year 1 in the New Year.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Merry Christmas from all the Key Stage 1 team!

Miss Cox
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