January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for all the lovely Christmas gifts and cards, they were much appreciated by all the Year 1 team. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. The children all seem happy to be back and we are happy to have them back.

**Topic**

Our topic theme is Toy Story and we will be looking at how toys have changed over time, what different toys are made from and even how to make our own toys. I have attached the Year 1 topic web which shows how the various subjects link with this topic, as well as other areas of the curriculum we hope to cover this term.

**Phonics**

We will continue to have daily phonics sessions to enable the children’s reading, writing and spelling skills to develop.

**Guided Reading**

We will continue our guided reading sessions throughout the week. All children will have three guided reading sessions throughout the week, with a different focus in each lesson. They shall be sent home with their book on a Friday and need to bring it back on the Monday, when they shall be issued with a new one. They will also get a library book to take home with them on a Monday and bring back to school again the following Monday. If your child wishes to get a new library book during the week, please send the current one back in and this can be swapped for a new one.

**P.E**

In PE, the class will be covering a wide range of skills, but our main focus this half term will be gymnastics. The children will require their PE kit; a plain red T-shirt, shorts or jogging trousers, sweatshirt and suitable footwear for going outside. We are asking that children come in already dressed in their P.E kit on their allocated P.E days. Our set days for P.E. are Monday and Wednesday. In accordance with the regulations stated in Cambridge County Council’s Health and Safety Guidelines for Physical Education, all children with long hair must have it tied back, and all jewellery must be removed. In the event of children having new ear piercings they should have tape with them to cover the studs. The children must be able to do this for themselves.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to discuss them with me.

Kind regards

Katie Dickerson