



Thursday 5th January 2017

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a



Happy New Year!



We are writing to inform you of the topic work we will be covering and of some other class arrangements for this term.



Topic work:

We have attached the topic overview sheet to this document for your information. This first half term we will be thinking about toys in History, Science, Computing and PE. After half term we will move our focus to learning about the Isle of Coll, which will include Geography and Literacy work.

PE:

Our allocated day for P.E this term is Friday; however, it is very useful if the children keep their P.E kit in school throughout the week, so we can take advantage of any extra P.E times that become available. The children will need a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. PE is inside this term, so outside PE kit is not required at this time. We will be doing 'Dance' this term. As usual, please ensure that **every** item of your child's P.E kit is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Our Class Mascots:

Tiggs and Tundra, our class mascots, are looking forward to coming home with two new children on Friday. Once everyone has had one turn, we will put all the names back in the pot and children will have the opportunity to take a mascot home for a second time. Tiggs and Tundra have been with Miss Robertson over Christmas, have a look on Tapestry to see what they have been up to! If you wish to share photos of the mascots time with you through Tapestry, please feel free to do so. The purpose of the mascots is to encourage pupils to write outside of class time, so please ensure your child also write in the mascots diary when they have their turn.

Reading:

Your child will be continue to be heard read with an adult at least twice a week, when they will have the opportunity to change their reading book. If their book needs changing at other times, you are welcome to come in after school to help them do this. It is important that your child reads to you regularly. We recommend at least three times per week.



Lost uniform and equipment:

We have many parents who, despite naming items of school clothing and drinks bottles, find that the item seems to have disappeared. We encourage the children to be independent and responsible for their own belongings, however, children can very easily pick up someone else's jumper or drink bottle for many reasons, so please could you help us out by keeping an eye out at home and if you do find someone else's belongings please hand it back to a member of staff or the parent. Thank-you!

Our School Website:

We are currently building the Year 1 page on our new school website. If there is anything in particular that you would like to see on there please let us know, if possible we will happily include it. There is a form at the bottom of the page for your ideas. Our current school policy states that we will use photographs of pupils unless you have informed us that you do not wish your child's photo to be published on the website. We will not publish pupils' full names alongside any photograph or piece of work that is displayed.

We will continue to use Tapestry to let you know about what we have been up to in class on a regular basis.

Homework:

We will be starting to send homework this term. Please look out for further information on this in the next week or so. We ask that you continue to hear your child read, as often as possible, ideally three times a week.



As always, if you have any queries about any aspect of the school day, please feel free to arrange a time to come in and see us!

Thank-you,

Hannah Robertson
Year 1 Class Teachers

Caroline Truman

Dear Year 1 staff,

If possible please could you include the following on the Year 1 page of the school website:

Thank-you!