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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term; I hope you all had a relaxing break and I look forward to another exciting term ahead. This letter outlines some general class information, and a few reminders that you will need to know.

Our Connected Curriculum topic this term is 'Toys' and where possible, all of your children's learning will be linked to this. The children will also be learning about 'Animals' in Science, finding out about their characteristics and what makes them unique. Attached to this letter you will find a curriculum overview, outlining the areas of learning for the term ahead. This can also be viewed on our website.

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Friday. The homework is to be completed over the weekend and **submitted by Monday**. Please take the time to look over the documents for suggestions on ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. As part of their homework, the children will also have spellings that they will need to practise as they will have a spelling test on **Monday**. Learning spellings at home is vital for your child's progress in their reading and writing.

Your child will be sent home with two reading books per week, based on their reading ability and the phonics they are learning in school. Your child's book change day is written in their reading journal. Please ensure that your child returns their books in order to receive new ones for the following week. I ask that you read with your child at home, every day for at least 10 minutes. This will encourage your child to become a confident reader and promote a love of reading. Free books can also be found online through Reading Eggs, Oxford Reading Tree, or at your local library.

Please be reminded that your child's PE days are every **Monday** and **Friday**. PE kits need to be brought into school on a Monday, left here the whole week and taken home on a Friday to be washed over the weekend. As it gets colder, you may wish to include navy jogging bottoms in your child's PE kit.

Dates for your diary: Year One's class assembly will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at 9:15 in the school hall. You are all invited to attend. We will also be visiting the Young V&A Museum on **13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** as a part of the topic to gain a better understanding of toys from the past and present.

On a final note, I look forward to the term ahead; should you have any questions or wish to speak to me regarding your child please catch me at the end of the school day or make an appointment via the school office.

Kind Regards,

Miss Ashman  
Year One Teacher

