



5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another busy term in Year 1.

## Curriculum

Our topic this half-term is 'Toys'. This is a History topic and we will be focussing mainly on looking at the differences and similarities between toys from the past and toys we have in the present. We will also be talking about what our favourite toys are and we will also look at different toys and games that are played around the world.

Our Science topic for this term is 'Everyday Materials'. As part of our learning we will be identifying and grouping different materials and finding out which materials are best for making particular toys.

We will be creating new role play areas in our rooms. If you think you might have something at home that we could use please do let us know; we are keen to have photos and real toys from the past in particular.

We are also looking for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. who will be happy to come in and show and talk about a favourite toy from their childhood. Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to do this to arrange a time.

As always we try and link our maths and English learning to this topic too. Please see the Weekly Overviews for more detail. These are displayed in the classrooms and are also available to download on the website.

## Requests

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you have a read of the letter the Admin team send home with reminders about communication with the school. It's vital that we have correct information about your child to ensure their safety and well-being. Please make sure you've returned the permission slip for your child to go on school trips. Thank you

## Dates for your diaries

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – half term holiday, school closed for all children

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – first day of Summer Term

Thank you for all your support and co-operation. We look forward to a successful half term together.

The Year 1 Team

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**