

YEAR 1 – SPRING TERM!

I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and that the children are ready and refreshed for a new and exciting term! Thank you for the lovely gifts and cards.



This term is all about toys! Our Context for Learning work is going to be focussed on the games and toys children play with around the world and what children played with in the past. I know that they will have a lot to share about toys and games that they had for Christmas.

Reading

Children are enjoying their reading books and are making good progress. However, it is still very important that they continue reading to an adult at home at least four times a week. Please encourage them to discuss the story, characters, setting and to predict what might happen next in the story. They will continue to be able to change their books daily.



Phonics

Phonics continues to be taught at a rapid pace in school and there are now numerous new spelling patterns for them to remember. We will continue to send out a new spelling pattern each week for you to focus on at home. This will help the children to revise and consolidate patterns that have been learnt in school. The children are confident in reading the spelling patterns that have been practised for homework, which is fantastic. They find it a little trickier to put them into independent writing, so they could try putting their spellings into a sentence using the orange phonics book.



Writing

I have been very impressed with the writing that the children have produced so far. Last term we revisited the cursive letter formation and the children will now be using this in their independent writing. If they find this a little tricky we will support them until they are more confident.

Maths

Last half-term we particularly focussed on developing our number skills, addition and subtraction. This half-term we will be learning to apply this knowledge in the context of money and learning about fractions and time. Maths homework will continue to either be activity-based or on Abacus, depending on what is most appropriate for each week's work.



Thank you for your continued support. Please do call in to see me if you have any questions.

Hazel Jackson.