

Year 1 - Autumn 2

I hope that you have had a lovely half-term break and that the children are feeling refreshed, ready for a busy few weeks ahead.

Trip to St. John's Museum

Year 1 have been learning a lot about houses and the local area. We will continue to develop this context over the next half-term. We will be stepping back in time and we will be investigating what life was like in the past. As part of this we will be going on a trip to St. John's Museum in Warwick on Friday 7th December – further details to follow.

Phonics

The children are learning the new spelling patterns that we have introduced and they are beginning to use these in their work. We will continue to send out a new spelling pattern each week for you to focus on at home. The activities you do at home really help to consolidate the learning that we have done in school; it makes a big difference to their reading and writing, so thank you very much.

Targets

We are helping children to become more aware of their writing targets, in order to support their progress. These are intended to be small, manageable steps for your child to meet. We don't expect you to teach your child these targets, but if they are working at home it would be useful if you could remind them of these. This half term we are all focusing on developing a cursive handwriting style.

Reading

There is an opportunity for children to change their reading books each day so they can have a new book as soon as appropriate – there is no rush to get through the books though, so please keep them for as long as necessary. Please sign your child's diary to show that they have read at home.

Christmas

This half-term obviously marks the start of Christmas preparations! Year 1 will be taking part in a nativity play on the 15th December – more details to follow.

Please don't hesitate to pop in and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks

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