



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, which promises to be a very exciting one! We are delighted to see how well the children have settled into Year 1 and how much they are enjoying the different subjects we are studying.

Please read the information below:

• **Units for this half-term**

English	Writing to inform: Instructions Present tense. Where and when openers. Commands
Maths	Addition and subtraction to 10 Shape Place value to 20
DT	Puppets
Geography	Life in the UK
Music	Rhythm is the way we walk and banana rap
RE	Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
PE	Invasion games Gymnastics
Learning for life	Valuing differences
Computing	Technology around us
History	Remembrance Changes in recent memory

• **Year 1 Christmas Production**

- **Date:** Thursday, 11th December at 9:20 AM in the school hall.

We are looking forward to performing our Christmas play for you and the rest of the school. Over the coming weeks, your child may come home with lines to learn, roles to play, and costumes to organise. These will be everyday clothes, so you will not need to purchase anything new. We will assign roles based on what the children are comfortable doing.

• **Reading**

Please continue to read with your child as part of their Year 1 homework. Encourage them to put their book in the 'Please change my book' box each morning so a staff member can replace it. Your child should read each book twice to develop fluency, practise their comprehension using the questions provided, and recognise tricky words more easily next time. Please date and sign their diary every time you read together. Children don't need to finish a book in one sitting — a few pages each night is perfect. If your child is heard reading three or more times at home during the week, they will receive one house point. We will monitor home reading and aim to read with each child once per week in school.

• **PE – Thursday and Friday**

Your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit. All jewellery must be removed at home, and hair must be tied back. We cannot provide tape to cover earrings or jewellery. Please label all PE clothing and uniform with your child's name to avoid lost items.

• **Homework**

A reminder that a list of optional additional activities is available on the Year 1 page if you would like to continue learning at home. Children are welcome to share their work with the class, but we kindly ask that they do not bring toys into school, as these should be kept at home.

Kind regards,
Miss Smith