



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxed break! I will be teaching in Year 1 until Easter holidays. I am really looking forward to getting to know you and children as we continue our learning. Please read the information below:

• **Units for this half-term**

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| English           | Writing to entertain- (Fairy Tales)<br>Simple sentences<br>Proper nouns<br>Past tense<br>Story writing |
| Maths             | Addition and subtraction (20)<br>Place value (50)  |
| Science           | Everyday materials   |
| Music             | Exploring sound  |
| RE                | Who is Jewish and how do they live?  |
| PE                | Net and wall games<br>Team building  |
| Learning for life | Keeping safe   |
| Computing         | Programming  |
| History           | Changes in recent memory   |
| Art               | Line   |
| DT                | Puppets  |

• **Keyrings**

Please ensure keyrings are removed from children's bookbags. We are still unable to close some drawers due to keyrings, which also pose a trip hazard. Additionally, they can damage the drawers when they get stuck.

• **Reading**

Please continue to read with your child as it is part of their Year 1 homework. Your child should read the book given to them twice to develop fluency, practice their reading comprehension using the questions provided, and recognise trickier words more easily the next time they encounter them. Please date and sign your child's diary every time you hear them read. Children do not need to finish their book in one day; they can read a few pages each night. If, by Friday, your child has been heard reading three or more times during the week, they will receive one house point. We will monitor reading at home and aim to read with each child once per week in school.

• **PE – Thursday and Friday**

Your child must 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 should you wish to continue work at home. Children are welcome to share their work with the class, but we kindly ask that they do not bring toys, as these should be kept at home.

• **Sewing afternoon**

For our DT unit on 'Puppets', children will be designing and creating their own puppets. We would love to invite parents to join us and support the children during the making process. This will take place on Wednesday, 11th February, at 1.45 in the Thurnby Development Centre (RISE building, as you enter through the KS1 gate).

Kind regards,  
Mrs. Mistry