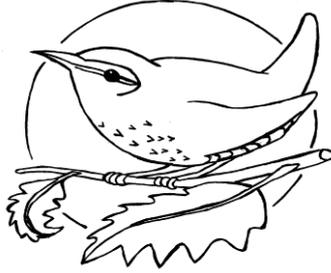


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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! Welcome back, we hope you have all had a great Christmas. Thank you so much for all our cards and gifts, it was very kind of you.

Our topic this term is entitled "Childhood". We will be finding out about many aspects of childhood and how it has changed over time. We will be investigating toys, books, film & TV characters, clothing and school life and comparing them to modern childhood. We will also compare our toys to those from other cultures. To help bring the topic alive, please would you have a rummage at home to see what toys, games, books and other treasure you can find from your childhoods (or that of your parents and grandparents)? In a few weeks, we will be visiting Tiverton museum to learn more about toys from the past. A letter with more details will follow shortly. We will also be having a Victorian School day on **Monday 29th January**. To help us get into the spirit, I would like the children to come to school on that day dressed up as a Victorian school child. It is up to you and your child to decide if they are rich or poor, town or country dwellers but it will still be wet and chilly so please make sure that their costume is practical as well as authentic! We hope to have lots of fun learning how the Victorians learnt at school! Many thanks in anticipation for all your help.

In Science, we will be investigating forces through toys. The children will have the opportunity to design and make their own push or pull toy and write the instructions. We will continue to learn about seasons, weather and the world around us, taking our regular Welly Walks and spending time in the woods. Please remember to provide named wellies for your child to keep in school so we can head out whenever we want. Since we spend a lot of time outside throughout the day, your child will need a warm, waterproof coat in school **every day**. When the weather turns colder they will also need hats and gloves.

In Numeracy we will continue to build on our learning so far, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, becoming fluent in place value, learning to recall number facts, using different strategies for addition and subtraction and learning about measure and space.

PE will continue to be on Fridays. Mrs Richards will be leading a series of units on Dance through which the children will learn different ways to move their bodies and respond to rhythm and beat.



We have been so pleased with the progress the children are making, especially in their phonics and reading. All the work you are doing at home to help support your child in their learning is making a huge contribution; please carry on! Your child will be sent home with some additional “tricky” words to learn to read and write.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer as a class room helper, please do! We are always really grateful for extra support, especially from Dads and Grandads. As you can appreciate and without being in any way discourteous, the children are surrounded by women every day. Seeing Dads in school and engaged in school life is very important. If you think you can help, please come and see me and I will arrange for a DBS check to be completed.

Once again, many thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to either me or Mrs Richards.

Kind regards

Mrs Cox

Class 1 Teacher

