



January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and would like to say a big thank you for all the very generous gifts we received. It was really very kind of you all.

As you can see from the topic web we are in for another busy term! For our first week of the term, the children have been immersed in the topic of 'Around the World in 80 days!' We have started by looking at stories with a quest theme, focusing on "Handa's Surprise".

The values over the next two terms are perseverance and justice. Below is the acrostic poem we will be looking at in our collective worship based on the word 'perseverance' this term:

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete the task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be.

Home Learning:

This will continue on from last term. Spellings will be given out on Monday and are due back on Friday when the children will have a spelling test. Please help the children to keep practising their nippy numbers so that they are ready for their test on Wednesday morning. We are aiming for the children to know the facts by heart, without the need for counting on their fingers, so games such as pairs and match are perfect for this. Last term, in school, we focused upon number bonds for 10 and this term we are moving on to learn the bonds for 6, e.g. $6+0=6$, $5+1=6$, $4+2=6$ etc and the related subtraction facts, $6-0=6$, $6-1=5$ etc.

Thank you for your ongoing support to help your child with regular practice of reading, spelling and number facts. This support at home continues to consolidate their learning at school and will benefit their progress. We will be giving out extra gem points to children who have put lots of effort into their home learning.

As the weather turns colder, please ensure that all hats, scarves and gloves are named.

Finally, just a quick reminder that PE kit needs to be in school every day. If your child has an afterschool club where they use their kit, please make sure it comes back the following day. Please also ensure that your child's daps or trainers fit as we will go outside for our PE lessons, when the weather permits.

Many thanks for your continued support and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

The Year 1 Team