

## YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2020

Happy New Year and although it seems a long time ago, we hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas break! We would like to thank everyone who gave us Christmas cards and gifts - we feel very spoilt. This half term, we welcome Miss Tunstall and Miss Dobson back to Knavesmire; they will be working with us until February half term.

This week, we have looked closely at toys from the past and identified ways in which they are different to the toys we play with now. In Maths we have been solving subtraction problems and have practised using the - and = symbols. In English we have focused on forming lower case letters correctly. Next week, we are going to investigate which materials we could use to make the best toys. Thank you again to everyone who helps with reading. We really appreciate your time.

### **Big Idea**

Our new Big Idea for this half term is all about toys and we will be comparing toys from the past and toys we play with today. We hope to be able to answer the question: Toys from the past or toys now, which do you prefer?

### **English**

In English, we will continue to work on punctuation and handwriting skills as well as applying our Phonic knowledge when spelling unfamiliar words.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be learning to solve problems involving addition and subtraction and recording statements accurately using the -, + and = symbols.

### **Phonics and Reading**

This half term we will be working on the different pronunciations and spellings of groups of letters. Please make sure your child is reading regularly at home so that they can practise and apply their Phonic skills. There are still rewards given to children who manage to read 4 times or more over a 7 day period (they don't have to read the whole book 4 different times).

### **P.E.**

P.E. is still on a Wednesday and Friday morning each week. Please make sure all kit remains in school during the week so it is always available.

### **Helping Your Child at Home**

Recently, we have sent home a 'Home Learning Book' containing a set of challenges for your child to work on with your support. These challenges cover a number of skills and activities that support what we are learning at school.

Home learning books should be returned to school in the week beginning Monday 10th February.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Year One Team.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gage and Miss Coulson