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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term and our topic 'Me in My World'. During this topic, the children will be focusing on themselves and learning more about the world around them. This will include finding out more about the local area in Geography, experiencing the seasons in Science and exploring the toys that different generations played with in History. If you have any toys from your own or your parent's childhoods that you wouldn't mind us looking at, we would be extremely grateful.

In English, our focus will be on sentence structure, ensuring children start their sentences with a capital letter and end them with a full stop. We encourage the children to re-read their writing to check it makes sense and to notice any 'marvellous mistakes'.

Please continue to read with your child every day and work on spellings at home. The children will continue to work hard on improving their handwriting, attempting to form all letters correctly and position them neatly on the line. In phonics, the children will begin to learn the Phase 5 sounds. You can find these on the sound mats we provided at the start of the year in your child's pack.

In Maths, we will continue to work on place value and counting forwards and backwards to 100. We will also be focusing on addition, subtraction and methods to solve these calculations. The children are beginning to learn their two times tables too.

This term, **PE** is planned for two sessions a week. The children will do indoor PE (Gymnastics) on a **Thursday** and outdoor PE (fundamental skills) on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate PE kit for these days. It is important that children are dressed appropriately for the colder weather and have a school jumper on for PE days. If the weather is too poor on our outdoor PE day, we will complete an alternative indoor activity instead.

Please also look out for a letter, later in the term, about our Christmas Songs Performance that will take place at 2pm on the 16th of December.

We hope you find the topic web gives you a brief insight into some of the activities we will be teaching this term in the other areas of the curriculum. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Finally, we'd like to welcome Mr Paget (a trainee teacher) to Year 1. He has enjoyed getting to know the children in term 1 and will be a regular feature in the classroom throughout his teaching placement.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Farmer, Miss Gallacher and the Year 1 Team



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