

Dear Parents and Children

We hope you all had an enjoyable break. This half term we are looking forward to providing your children with plenty of new and exciting learning opportunities based around the following topics:

Week 1	Bonfire night and safety
Week 2	Remembrance Day and Children in Need
Weeks 3-4	Looking after pets and animals
Weeks 5-7	Countdown to Christmas

In Class 1, we prepare the children for starting the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme and place a strong focus on language acquisition and comprehension. Our children hear a core set of carefully chosen stories and rhymes each half term. These stories and rhymes are repeated regularly so that the children can internalise them and learn them by heart. Children thrive on repetition! If you have these stories at home, please read them with your child and sing the rhymes together too.

Stories:

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

The Gingerbread Man (Traditional tale)

Rhymes and songs:

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney

Hey Diddle Diddle

Cold by Shirley Hughes

Please take a look at the home learning on the school website for a reminder of the words to the rhymes, along with some tips on making story times with your child special.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs Pocklington, Mrs Nash, Mrs Easter, Mrs Green and Mrs Barnes

