

## Year 1 and 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2018

Welcome back to all of the children in Years 1 and 2!



Our Topic for this half term is... 'Toys from the past.' This is a history based topic focussing on how toys are different now to what they were like in the past. To launch our topic we had a 'Teddy bear picnic' which the children thoroughly enjoyed! We made sandwiches and brought our bears to the picnic which was very enjoyable.

As Scientists, the children will be exploring materials and their properties. Within this topic, the children will be experimenting with a range of materials to see which ones are suitable for a waterproof jacket for our bear.

In Year 1 the children have been using 'This is the Bear' as a stimulus for their writing. They have been describing the main character and learning all about the different events in the story. In Year 2 the children have been using 'Paddington Bear' as a stimulus for writing. They have produced some lovely descriptions of Paddington and have enjoyed learning about his adventures.

### General Information

**Homework** - Children will be given homework every week on a Friday. This homework is due the following Friday. Please ensure your child completes homework in their Homework Challenge book and brings it back to school on the correct day.

**Home reading** - Children have been given a home reading book and they are expected to read 4 times a week. Their reading must be recorded in their reading journals and brought back daily to school.

**Sandshoes** - Please check that your child has sandshoes for inside school and a bag to keep them in.

**PE** - In Years 1 and 2 we have both indoor and outdoor PE sessions. Please send your child with appropriate footwear and a suitable kit for both of these lessons.

### PE days

**Class 1** - Monday and Friday

**Class 2** - Tuesday and Friday

**Class 3** - Thursday and Friday

**Class 4** - Tuesday and Thursday

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Barton, Mrs Ellerington, Miss Bailey and Miss Mawer.