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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 Newsletter, Autumn 2

This half term our topic is: **Are my toys better than my grandparent's toys?**

Our topic will focus on toys from the present and the past. We will be exploring a number of different learning focuses: Art, History, Science and Computing.

On **Tuesday 6th November** we will be visiting St. Matthias church in Hanford for the Year One Christening service. We would be very grateful for a £1 donation, to cover the cost of the party in the afternoon. We would ask for this to be given in as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the exciting day. Parents are welcome to join us for the ceremony.

On **Thursday 15th November** we will be visiting the Black Living Country Museum for our trip to experience life living as a child in the past. Each child will need to bring £1.25 in order to enjoy a small portion of chips from Hobbs and Sons Fish & Chip Shop.

Points to remember:

- Reading: we ask that you read with your child each night and make a note in their diary with regards to how they have read. To help your child develop their reading skills, we recommend that they read each book at least twice and answer any questions about what they have read to secure their understanding and comprehension. Books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and this is completed by an adult. We ask that you write "book finished" when children complete so that we know to change.
- Every Monday your child will also bring home a set of spellings which they should complete daily. These need to be completed, as on Fridays we will have a spelling test on these words.
- We have given out TT Rockstars passwords. Please use this to support your home learning. The children will be bringing home times table books and having a focus on it each year.
- PE- please ensure that your child's complete labelled PE kit is in school daily. PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the correct team colour PE top.
- No jewellery is to be worn for PE; Earrings should be removed if possible, if not they should be covered with plasters that are provided by home.

Area of learning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Learning Challenge Curriculum	Who drew pictures of toys?	What can you find at Black Living Country Museum?	Why is it important to share my toys?	What is my toy made from?	Was Jesus given any toys?	Is Christmas a time for toys?	Are my toys better than my Grandparents toys?
Maths	Number and Place Value	Fractions	Measures: Capacity and Volume	Measures: Money	Measures: Time	Measures: Time	Consolidate and Assess

We look forward to sharing the run-up to Christmas with the children. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please come and speak to us, we are usually available at the end of the day.

Miss Day, Mrs Hague, Miss Rowley and Mrs Adderley

