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Dear Parent/Carers,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well. In Year 1 we are definitely looking forward to the Christmas season and learning all about our new topic 'To infinity and beyond' (space). This letter will outline some of the learning that we will be covering.

In **Literacy** the children will follow the Talk for Writing scheme using 'Sally' as our stimulus for writing a tale of fear. Alongside, writing a newspaper report reporting an alien spotting. The children will continue to use Read Write Inc for **Phonics**. We are reassessing children this term and changing groups accordingly.

It has been wonderful to see all the reading that you are doing with your child, the comments are useful to read. Make sure you are sending reading records into school each day. I will be checking reading records on a Wednesday and give the children the opportunity to change books the same day too.

Maths this term will focus on place value, geometry (shapes), addition and subtraction. It would be great to practise addition and subtraction at home using pasta. You can ask your child to add more pasta or take pasta away.

PE will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoon. We will require your child to **come into school in their kit**. A reminder that children have to tie up hair and are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE, so all earrings and other items must be removed.

For **homework** this term continue to read with your child every evening and then record some comments in the record book. They can continue to practise their set sounds for 5 minutes a day. If you do not have a sound mat, just ask and one can be printed.

This term, we are looking forward to performing our nativity and sharing it with you virtually. We will let you know of any costumes or lines that need to be learned in preparation for our performance in the coming weeks.

I hope this letter covers any queries you have about this term, if not please feel free to email the office.

Miss Thomson and the Year 1 Team