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Dear Parent/Carers,

Hope you all had a spooky half term and have been keeping well. This Autumn Term in Year 1 we will be 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 continue to follow the Talk for Writing scheme using 'Zorg from Planet Torg' (a tale of fear) as their writing stimulus. Alongside this, they will be writing a newspaper report about an alien landing at school. The children will continue to use Read Write Inc for **Phonics**. We have already reassessed the children and changed their groups accordingly ready to start the term.

It has been wonderful to see all the reading that you are doing with your child, the comments are useful to read and a chance for you to ask questions if needed. Please make sure you are **sending reading records to school every day**. I will be checking reading records on a Friday and also giving the children the opportunity to change books too. All children can change books whatever day they want, they just need to ask! Also, if you have any school books at home it would be great to send them back in with your child.

Maths this term will focus on consolidating place value, geometry (shapes), addition and subtraction. It would be great to practise addition and subtraction at home using pasta and ask your child to add more pasta or take pasta away. Practising number formation would also be beneficial for everyone!

PE will now take place on Thursday 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 please 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 on my mat given to them last term. 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** with all of you if government guidelines continue to permit so. The Nativity this year will be performed with the Year 2 children. As they have not had their performance before, all Year 2 children will be some having lines and some of the Year 1 children will too. 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 you are as excited as we are.

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