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Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all of your kind gifts and Christmas wishes before we broke up for the Christmas break. I hope you have all had a fantastic time over the festive period and looking forward to the coming spring term.

This term we are launching our new topic **Fabulous Foods**. With our Big Question: **Is healthy food tasty?** the children will no doubt get into this topic and will be keen to learn more about food!

In **Literacy**, we will be using the story of 'Supertato' to help us create our own innovative and original version of the story creating a new main character. In **Maths** we will be consolidating our understanding of place value, addition, subtraction with larger numbers and starting to learn about measurement.

Phonics will still be a daily lesson and all children have made great progress so far. Children should still be coming home with books from their assessed phonics groups and all children are welcome to take appropriate coloured books from the library. I will be allocating time during the week for children to change their books, to ensure new books are coming home. But they are always welcome to swap their books, they just need to ask!

Reading records should be going home every day and filled out whenever you have the chance to read with your child. It is important that I see comments to ensure that they are getting on well or if more support is needed. Reading records will be collected once a week, if there is a problem with missing reading records please let me know.

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 but if you do not have a sound mat, just ask and one can be printed.

In **PE** we will be looking at throwing and catching, using these skills in team games towards the end of term. This will take place on a **Thursday** afternoon. So we will still need 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. Depending on the weather, we will try to get outside for PE lessons so make sure your child is appropriately kitted out.

In **PHSE** we will be looking at 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be exploring their successes, steps to goals, achieving together, stretching learning, overcoming obstacles and celebrating successes.

The **Outcome** for this term will be in the final week of term. There will be a letter to follow with more details.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term, if not please email the office with any queries.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to another amazing term!

Miss Thomson and the Year 1 Team