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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a spooky half-term filled with treats (hopefully no tricks!) and have been keeping well. This term, we will be looking forward to the Christmas season. The aim of our new project is for the children to be prepared for their upcoming Nativity performance, alongside deepening their knowledge of pirates.

Our project is: **Pirates/ Nativity Preparation**

Our Big Question is: **Where should we sail next?**

In **English**, the children will follow the Talk for Writing scheme using 'Ben and the Stolen Jewels', a finding tale, as their writing stimulus. Later on in the term, we will write a recount text. We will continue to use Read Write Inc for **Phonics** and in the first week back, the children will be assessed and allocated their group for the term. Children are welcome to take books from our class Reading Den and the KS1 Library as long as an adult is made aware and it is brought back. Please make sure you are sending reading records to school every day because reading at home is paramount to embedding their fluency and confidence. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing, language development and comprehension skills.. The children can all change books on any given day, 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.

In **maths** this term, we will continue learning about addition and subtraction, alongside geometry (2D and 3D shapes). It would be great to practise addition and subtraction at home using everyday items, such as pasta, and ask your child to add more pasta or take pasta away. Practising number formation would also be beneficial for everyone!

In **PHSE** this term the children will be learning about accepting of themselves and others, including others, bullying, solving problems, using kind words and giving and receiving compliments to celebrate their differences. In **RE** the children will be answering the question: What gifts might Christians in my town have given Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem? For more detail on the term's learning, please take a look at the medium term plan on the school website.

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

For homework this term please continue to read with your child every evening and then record some comments in their record book. They can continue to practise their set sounds for 5 minutes a day on the mat given to them last term. If you do not have a sound mat, please just ask and I can provide you with a new one.

Finally, we are looking forward to performing our **Nativity** to you all at the end of the term. The performance is called 'Everyone Loves a Baby' and it will be performed with the Year 2 children. Some of our class will have a speaking role and everyone will be involved in the show! 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.

Thank you again for your continued support, we look forward to a festive term of learning! Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me at pick-up or contact me via the school office if you have any queries or questions.

Best wishes,

Miss Bennett and the Year One Team