'Growing and Learning Together'
through our values of
Responsibility, Respect, Friendship,
Honesty, Determination and Pride.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope you have all had a lovely break over the Festive Season. We got right back into things at school on Wednesday and it is great to see Year 1 ready to learn!

This half term, we will be studying William Morris and print in Art. The children will explore creating their very own masterpiece prints, so some children may expect you to consider redecorating...be warned!

In History, we will be looking at Transport and asking the question 'Why were the Rainhill Trials an important event and what impact did it have on transport?'

In Science, we will turn our attentions from 'Everyday Materials' to 'Plants', while still observing seasonal change. We will have a go at getting green fingered and have a go at sowing some seeds! We have a small greenhouse, so we'll keep you posted on our progress.

In Computing, the children will be looking at 'What is a computer?' with Mrs. Vance on Thursday afternoons, and practise uploading their own work onto Seesaw...watch this space!

PE will now be on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure hoodies/jumpers/cardigans are all labelled as these are the first things to go missing when left in the hall!

We will continue to explore beat, rhythm and pitch whilst introducing tempo in Music and we will be getting the glockenspiels out last thing on a Friday! Wish us luck! :)

English and Maths will continue everyday as well as Read Write Inc Monday to Thursday. On a Friday morning we focus on handwriting and spelling. Our new book this term will be 'The Lion Inside'. In Maths, we are looking at place value within 20, and shape in Geometry.

I have updated the website with new spellings and days for handing in homework etc. Half term homework tasks are also on the website, and we will stick a copy in the back of the homework books. We will be sending home the small orange spellings books on a Friday to practise, practise, practise! Tests are on a Friday morning so please ensure all books are back in for then.

This is a short half term, so you can see we will be very busy!

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Greenall and the Year 1 Team

