

**Romiley Primary School**

**Term 2, 2018**

**'What's going on in Year 1'**

Thank you so much for your support over last term, especially the second half term where we were very busy with the Christmas activities.

If we have any snowy days, please send children to school with suitable clothing and a change of footwear i.e. wellies, gloves and coats, **with your child's name inside!** Please check the website for news on snow closures.



**Routines**

Just a reminder that school officially starts at 8.55am. The first bell rings at 8.50am and the children line up to come into school. Please remember that you are still responsible for your child until they enter the building and that dogs, balls and bikes must not be on the school yard.

**Please remember to inform school if your child is absent from school. (tel: 0161 430 3101)**

**The Curriculum**

This term our main theme is traditional tales. Should your child have any such tales – either at home or borrowed from the library – then we would welcome him/her sharing them with the class. This theme is loved by all the children and much literacy and art is developed from this.

In History we shall be looking at the past within living memory. This will include looking at: toys, clothes, shops, technology and houses. If you have any items from years gone by such as old toys, tape players, video cassettes, Walkmans, clothes and photographs of you/grandparents please send them in with your children.



**REQUEST**

If you have any old 'dressing up clothes/toys' that you no longer need we would be most grateful if you could donate them to our classes. Also if you have any unwanted small dolls. Please could you donate them together with any of their outfits. We also would appreciate any construction toys such as Lego, Meccano, Geomag or Polydron.

## Uniform / PE kit

**Please, please** ensure that school uniform (including P.E kit, shoes/pumps/ hats/gloves/ scarves/ coats etc.) are **clearly labelled** with your child's name. We endeavour to teach PE outside whenever possible, so please ensure that you also provide a sweater and jogging/tracksuit bottoms for colder days. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced we ask that you please arrange this within the long summer holiday. Children are not allowed to take part in PE activities with earrings in. Children with their ears pierced already will need to remove their earrings on PE days or bring a box in to store them in.

## Reading Books

Your child brings home a reading book on a regular basis. It is important to make time to read this book together at home. Please re-read each book a few times and play word games with the words in the book. Children need to show fluency and expression in their reading and this is aided by having a pre-read text. Without a doubt children make better progress in this area when they are well supported by their parents. Please remind your child that they must remember to give it to an adult as we do not check book bags for them every day. The children in year 1 are responsible for their own book bag to allow them to become more independent and so we ask them to check it by themselves in the mornings. If something important needs to be handed in to a member of staff please remind your child or give it to them to hand in in the morning.

## Toys

We have to make a rule that **no toys** at all are brought to school. It takes a long time to find lost toys and to console children if their toys get broken. Show and tell is on a Friday but please only bring in items that are linked to our topic.

## Class Funds

Just a reminder, please could you continue to donate towards your child's class fund, as in the past this has been very helpful towards the costs of Food Technology activities. Last half term we were able to make salt dough decorations, Christmas biscuits, post letters to Santa, Christmas crafts, bags as presents and cater for our party. This year, we hope to host a Fairy Tale Ball and make our own refreshments. Unfortunately, this cannot be done through parent pay and must be cash.

Many thanks  
The Year 1 Team