

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Firstly, let me introduce myself briefly to you all. My name is Katharine Priest and I am the new class teacher for Class 1. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as I am. I am very keen to uphold the excellent standards set by Mrs Walmsley last term and am grateful for your continued support in this.

This term we will be momentarily revisiting the 42 phonemes we learnt last term before moving on to look at alternative spellings for some of the sounds. Reading books will continue to be sent home to support this. Given the brilliant progress made in learning our numbers to 20 last term, this term we will be focusing on mathematical language to compare numbers and quantities, such as 'more', 'less', 'heavier' and 'lighter'.



Our topic this term will be Toys. We will be looking at different types of toys, our favourite toys and toys from the past. Please allow your child to select suitable toys to share with the class as requested over the next few weeks. Every effort will be made to ensure that the toys brought in are kept safe, but if you have any concerns please do let me know. Toys of great value are probably better kept at home.

If you have any older toys from your childhood that you would be willing to show the class (or allow me to show the class) please let me know. It would be fantastic for the children to see toys that they themselves may never have come across before.



As winter is definitely here now, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day for outdoor learning and play. Please ensure that it is labelled. Hats, scarfs and gloves may also be needed for those colder days.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the end of the day and I will be more than happy to help.

Kind regards.

Katharine Priest (Class 1)