



6 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We trust you had an enjoyable holiday and look forward to the term ahead.

These are the areas we will be learning about this half term.

**In Maths** we will be learning about:

- Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 20)  
*We will revise adding by counting on and will also find and make number bonds.*  
Number: Doubling  
*We will recall all doubles to 10 and use doubles to solve problems.*  
Money: Recognise and know the value of different coins and notes.
- Number: Place Value (within 50), including multiples of 2, 5 and 10.  
*We will learn about tens and ones in numbers to 50. E.g. 46 has 4 tens and 6 ones.*  
*We will compare and order numbers within 50.*  
*We will practice counting in twos, fives and tens.*  
*We will use our understanding of numbers to help us carry out a variety of problem solving and reasoning tasks.*

**In Literacy** we will be reading:

- **Traction Man** by Mini Grey. We will use drama and role play to act out parts of the story. This will help us to create our own comic strips based on Traction Man. We will also use adjectives to describe characters in the story and will learn about onomatopoeia.
- **That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown** by Cressida Cowell. We will make puppets and create our own puppet shows based on this story.
- In addition to this, we will read **Where's My Teddy?** By Jez Alborough and **One Ted Falls Out of Bed** by Julia Donaldson and Anna Currey.

We also will be:

- Writing instructions explaining how to make a puppet.

**Our IPC Topic** is 'The Magical Toy Maker' which will have a Design Technology and History focus. The children will be learning:

- To identify common materials and describe their properties
- The way toys have changed over time
- To make comparisons between toys today and toys long ago
- To design their own puppet
- To use a running stitch to sew a puppet
- To evaluate their puppet

To help us with our learning, we will be hosting a Teddy Bears' picnic for our puppets.

In RE, the children will be focusing on Christianity. The children will be learning:

- Why prayer and worship is important for many Christians.
- Reading and retelling some of the stories from the Bible.
- Learning about where Christians worship.

In PE, we will continue our unit on Dance and Movement.

We are looking forward to lots of new and exciting learning, as well as building on the skills we have already gained.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team