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# Year 1 Newsletter

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What a busy half term so far with so much more to come!

## **Topic**

We are coming to the end of our topic 'The Gunpowder Plot' and the children have learnt so much. The children are very excited about our new topic 'Toys' which we will be launching on Monday by watching the DVD of Toy Story. This will be followed by our visit to the SEARCH museum.

## **SEARCH Museum trip**

Next week Year One children will be visiting the SEARCH Museum in Gosport. Whilst there, the children will look at and play with old toys, some of which are over 100 years old. They will dress up as people from different eras and discover the games that they would have played. Bagatelle and the space hopper were particularly popular old games! Many thanks to the parent helpers who have offered to come with us on the trip. Without your help, we would not be able to go on such visits.

## **Art**

As part of our Toys topic we would like the children to bring in their own toy to make observational drawings of and to discuss. We ask that it is a small toy and not a special toy as it will need to be kept in school for a week. Please could we have these in school by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## **Lacey Library**

Just to remind you that Year 1 will be visiting the Lacey library on Tuesday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be appreciated, please let your child's class teacher know.

## **Outside PE**

We will be continuing to have PE outside even though the weather is becoming colder, so please make sure that your child has a track suit. Also please remember to remove or tape your child's earrings for PE sessions.

## **Home Learning/ Spelling**

Home learning is sent out on a Thursday and is due back in again the following Wednesday. Spellings are checked and sent home every Tuesday. Please support your child by helping them to learn to read and spell the words they receive.

## **Independent Learners**

As a school we encourage all our pupils to be independent in both their learning and day to day tasks such as giving in/taking home letters and remembering their water bottles and book bags. We do not check book bags so it is the child's responsibility to do this. We ask that you also encourage your child to be independent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team