Dear Year 1 families,

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope everyone had a lovely, restful break and that everyone is ready for a busy Autumn 2! The children have settled back very well this week, and next week we will be doing DT week which they are very excited about!

Please bring any clean, recycling in that we could use to help build our playground structures next week. In particular, cardboard such as cereal boxes would be very useful!

English

Character Description: Our focus text will be 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hegley. We will begin by writing character descriptions of Stanley, thinking about his appearance, personality as well as his likes and dislikes.

Narrative: We will also be ordering the story so that we can re-tell it in our own words. Then we will think of ways we can change the story to make it our own. Finally, we will publish the story for others to read.

Why not go on a walk to find your own special stick? What could your stick become? A magic wand? You could make a photo book of your ideas, or even have a go at writing your own story.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction: We will be continuing our learning about number bonds to 10, using the part-part whole mode and a range of practical resources such as counters and Numicon to help us. We will also be learning how to solve addition problems, for example, "10 children can sit around the table and 6 are already there. How many other children can sit around the table?". Then we will move on to subtraction. Working out how to take amounts away and calculate how many are left. Finally, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

You can practice these skills at home using practical objects. The part-part whole model is a useful way to help find out the missing part.

Science: We will begin looking at 'Everyday Materials', focusing on identifying and describing them. We will carry out simple tests to help us answer our questions about them.

History: We will begin looking at Toys for our first History topic, learning about toys from the past and from around the world, comparing them to the present. We will sort the toys into old and new and put them into chronological order.

Do you have any old toys at home that you would be willing to share? Perhaps you could take a photograph of them? You could write a sentence or two about them?

Art: Our theme is 'Printmaking'; We will be exploring different ways of printing, such as using our hands, plasticene and rubbing onto paper using a range of materials.

RE: Our focus this half term will be Christianity. We will be finding out what Christians believe about Jesus, learning why the Bible is important to Christians and learning about religious events.

IT: Our theme is 'Creating Media'. We will use a range of software to create our own digital paintings. We will be using applications such as paintz, which you can access for free at home.

Music: We will continue to use our voices from memory using expression and actions.

PE: This half term in outdoor PE we will focus on sending and receiving. For indoor PE, our focus will be dance.

PSHME: We will continue learning about positive relationships and showing each other respect.

Brindishe Manor

Please continue to read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes). Please remember to keep books and reading records in book bags every day so we can change their book and stamp in their reading record when they have been read with.

PE days:

Goldsworthy:

Wednesday and Friday

Kusama:

Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, trainers with NO laces).

Year 1 Home Learning:

Each week home learning will be uploaded onto the school website with suggestions of activities you could do related to our learning from that week.