



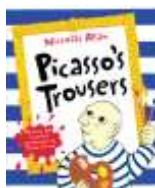
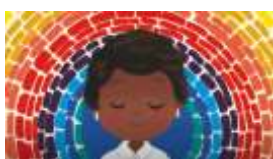
Happy New Year Everyone – welcome to our new term in Year 1!

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends. We were all so proud of the children and their Nativity Performance! They were amazing and worked so hard learning the songs! We would also like to thank you for all your kind Christmas wishes and generous gifts. We are excited to be back and are looking forward to the new term ahead. We have so many fantastic learning adventures planned and cannot wait to begin the learning this term!

In Term 3, we will enjoy learning about . . . **Toys and Materials**

Our themes this term are linked to our learning in Science and History. We will continue investigating and exploring materials around us. We will find out about different materials and how they can be used. We will be learning about toys from long ago and making toys in design technology lessons.

In Art and Design, we will be working on some exciting projects in both painting and sculpture, where we will use the artists Alma Thomas and Pablo Picasso to inspire our work.



Phonics and Reading

In phonics we will be learning new phonemes (sounds) from Phase 5 as we continue to use our new phonic reading scheme – Little Wandle. We have included a Phase 5 sound mat in the children's Home Learning Books. Please use this to practise new sounds with your child.

A gentle reminder – we ask that a parent or carer reads with the children in Year 1 everyday for a short time. This consistent practise really is the best way to ensure that new skills are being used and that reading improves quickly.

In Term 4, we will enjoy learning about ...

Here, there and everywhere!

In Term 4 we will begin to explore in Geography the countries and capitals of the United Kingdom. We will be using maps and finding out about busy cities!

We will observe the changing seasons and begin to look for signs of Spring as we work outside together.

We will focus on being as healthy as we can in our work in PHSE. We will think about keeping our bodies healthy. We will be learning about road safety and how medicines can help us to feel better.

Proud Clouds in Year One



Thank you so much for sharing your child's proud learning moments from home. The joy on their faces as we celebrate in class is very special. We will continue with these until the end of Year 1. Please share with us as often as you can any notable new learning achievements – Thank you for supporting our work in school.

- P.E will continue to be on Monday and Tuesday. This term we will begin changing fully for our PE lessons and the children will need some black plimsolls for our inside PE lessons.
- Please could all uniform be labelled to avoid lost clothes at school.
- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school. These should only contain water.
- Tuck shop continues to be on a Friday. Prices range from 25p to 50p
- **Home Learning** continues to be handed out on a Friday and is to be returned on a Wednesday. Please remember to date your child's work.
- **Reading Books** – please remember to keep reading books in your child's book bag. We aim to hear the children read at least once a week and have their books changed.