

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Class One. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This half term we will begin our topic of Journeys. We will be exploring the journeys of significant individuals throughout history, as well as using our senses in science to discover and create our own journey in school. The final week of this half term will be the second of four 'Nature Detectives' weeks that will take place over the course of the year. In Maths will continue to use the concrete, pictorial and abstract method of learning

We will put a copy of our current topic web and timetable on the class blog so you can find out more about what your child will be learning.

### **Reading and Phonics**

As we have mentioned previously, the teaching of reading is a combined effort between the child, teacher, parents and TAs. We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children to complete the phonics activities and reading at home. We would continue to encourage you to write the comments in the children's reading records as this enables us to see how they are using their phonics at home.

As you will have noticed, the children in Mrs Bennet's phonics group have had a change in the way their task needs to be completed in the blue books. There is an example of how the task needs to be carried out in front of their books, however if you have any questions please do get in touch. My (Miss Rahman's) phonics group will also be getting their new blue book next week which will contain the same information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to Year One's Phonics Movie Premier on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The children have been working really hard to learn new sounds and we wanted to share their brilliant work with you. During the course of this meeting we would also like to share with you, the information regarding the Phonic Screening which will take place in the summer term. We would really appreciate it if you can attend this meeting as it will allow us to work together as a team and help the children with their phonics.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Kind Regards

Miss Rahman and Mrs Bennett