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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We are so excited to be teaching your children and have had such a lovely few days with them already. The class will be taught on a Monday and Friday by Mrs Ellerby and on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday by Mrs Rumney. The fabulous Mrs Blackburn continues to be our full time teaching assistant.

This term our topic is 'Toys', we will be exploring toys within the last 100 years. We will have a topic launch day on Wednesday 18th January, this will be a special teddy bears picnic. On this day, your child is welcome to bring in a teddy bear and a little treat just for themselves. This could include a treat sized chocolate bar, cartoon of drink or smoothie, crisps, cake etc (please no nuts or sweets).

Children will continue to have daily phonics and spellings teaching at school. Please continue to read with your child every night (10 minutes or more is great) and record this in their reading record. We love to hear how they are doing! All books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays. Regular reading practice at home is so important and will help your child to consolidate their phonics learning and reading skills taught in school. Please reread the book 3 times;

Read 1 - Decoding - children will focus on saying the sounds to read the word.

Read 2 – Fluent reading - children will practice reading the book for fluency.

Read 3 – Comprehension - children will have the opportunity to build their comprehension skills by answering questions about the text.

We are so looking forward to seeing your child's home learning through their Power Projects! These are a great way for your child to further engage with this term's topic through learning at home. We will send more information out next week, along with our topic web and a list of useful websites for you to access more ideas for learning. We also encourage the children to have fun learning on Doodle. This is a learning app used throughout the school. Please see the office if you need any more details or logins.

P.E. will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday, please can children continue to come into school in their PE kits on these days.

Please check that all clothing, coats and bags are clearly labelled so we can return anything misplaced to their owner. All children should have a named water bottle containing water.

If somebody new is picking up your child, please inform the office so we can release them to that adult at the end of the day.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are thrilled to be joining the St. George's family.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. Rumney and Mrs Ellerby