

2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! Firstly, as a team we hope you had a lovely half term break together with your family. We all had a great start to Year One filled with lots of fun, laughter and learning and we hope that this continues through Term Two. Despite the current circumstances your children settled in well to Year One and have adapted well to their new surroundings, routines and curriculum.

Both your child's Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the story *Traction Man* by Mini Grey. Once again, this book is available on many online resources such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the library for your child to familiarise themselves with the story and its characters. This is **not** compulsory but it would benefit your child if you are able to do so. Our Reading and Writing will continue to build on skills taught in Reception. These will link heavily to Phonics. Towards the end of Term One, your child started to write simple sentences about a character from a story. They used capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and adjectives in their writing. These skills will also be revisited this term.

In Science this term our focus will be 'Materials'. We will be looking at different materials such as plastic, wood, metal, fabric, paper and glass and comparing them based on their properties. What's more, we will separate the material from the object.

History will be based around 'Toys' and your child will develop their understanding of how toys have changed over time. The definitions of the key vocabulary that your child will be taught are available on the Drove Primary School website.

As part of your child's Design and Technology curriculum they will design and create a textile puppet.

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday so please remember that **your child is expected to wear their PE kit into school**. During these times to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children we will not be allowing anyone to get changed in school. **PE this term will be outside.**

We recommend that your child brings in a clearly labelled bottle of water, which will be kept in the classroom, so that they have access to a drink at all times.

In order to give you a greater insight into the expectations surrounding homework and how to support your child with this, all teachers in Year One will be holding a virtual Parent Workshop for you to attend in a similar format to the Parents Evening appointment you had at the end of Term One.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team – Mr Bowers, Mrs Mansi, Miss Quinn and Mrs Hughes.