

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

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. As a teaching team we would like to reassure you that your child has settled in well to Year One and has 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.

Please can we remind you that homework is handed out on a Friday (in purple folders) and we expect to receive homework back in on a Wednesday, in purple folders.

Please could reading record books be available everyday in the children's bags, we will collect and mark them on a Wednesday. Please could you date, and make a small comment about how your child has got on with their reading at home and sign it. You can include other books your child might have read. We will be giving reading prizes to children who achieve 20 reads in their reading record book and as part of building a love of reading in our school your child will get the opportunity to move their name up the reading stars in the corridor as they achieve their 20 reads.

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please remember that this year **your child is expected to get changed at 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.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team – Mrs Willoughby, Miss Ahmed and Mrs Revis.