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Dear Parents/carers,

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable first half term in year one and is ready to begin another exciting half term. We have another busy half term ahead of us and will be starting our topic Light It Up, which will include a special visit from a special bear. You will be able to see the individual topics on our topic plan - **please be sure to look on the back of the topic overview to see our homework programme for this half term.**

For the homework children need to complete a line on the homework grid. This can be in any direction but must include the centre task. If your child wishes to complete all the tasks that would be great! As you know, as a school we are setting half-termly homework to give your child plenty of time to work on the tasks, and to help you as parents to fit it in as and when you are able. Please send in completed homework during the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If the homework is A4 or smaller then please stick it in the children's communication book. Homework plays an important role in helping your child to fully understand each topic, and they really do miss out if it is not completed.

Spellings are sent home weekly on a Wednesday (in their communication book) and are tested the following Wednesday. This is an important part of homework and these words must be learnt every week as this forms part of your child's assessment. Children practise in class but need your input to achieve well. When your child can spell the individual words they should then practise putting them into sentences and have a go at writing them.

Just to remind you, PE days are on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is essential for your child to have a full PE kit which should include a T-shirt, PE shorts (not cut-off jeans or leggings), socks and plimsolls, which should all be clearly named and in school at all times. If your child has pierced ears they should only wear studs to school, and these need to be covered with tape during PE. It is also important your child has access to a water bottle daily.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

The Year 1 Team