

**P1FM Termly Update  
Session 2017-2018  
Term 2**

**Class News**

Welcome back, we hope you all had a great October holiday. The class are enthusiastic about this term's learning and we have a busy few weeks ahead. We will be inviting parents to our Christmas Sing-a-long in December. The children will also be having a Christmas Party. The specific dates and times along with any further information will be sent home in letters nearer the time.

**Weekly Timetable**

Monday	Drama with Mrs Holland (am) Assembly (pm)
Tuesday	PE with Mrs Holland (am)
Wednesday	PE with Mrs Grant (pm)                      Otter Clubs (pm)
Thursday	Library (am)
Friday	Kodaly Music (am)

**This Term's Learning**

**Literacy and English...**

We will continue to learn more phonic sounds. Then we will learn to blend the sounds to make words. We will continue to practise writing letters and numerals using the proper pencil grip and using correct letter formation. We will also begin to learn common words and sight vocabulary in preparation for taking reading books home. Using our topic as a stimulus we will be writing imaginative stories and drawing a sequence of toy making instructions. We will use our topic activities as the context for developing our listening and talking skills.

**Mathematics...**

We will continue to count numbers accurately and to practise writing the numerals. We will then begin to add sets. We will be adding one more and two more mentally. We will use materials to help us understand the many ways numbers can be made. Our role play area will be a toy shop so we will be learning to identify coins and add amounts to 10p. Measuring activities will be carried out using our favourite teddy bears.

**Across the Curriculum...**

Our new topic is about Toys and Forces. We will be making our own model toys and learning about the force that makes them move. We will be using toys to help us understand about the forces of push/pull, springs, gravity, magnetic force etc. Pictures and videos will be used to identify toys from the past and we can discuss the differences between toys today and those of long ago.

**Home Learning Arrangements**

We will continue to learn phonics and practice the sounds at home. Word lists for blending and sight vocabulary for reading will begin to be sent home over the term. Please bring your book every day so we can use them and add in new sounds. Home Reading Packs will also continue for the next few weeks. New learning targets will be set this term. Please read and discuss the targets with your child and sign the Learning Journey booklet before returning it to school. Everyone will be given the opportunity to share information about a toy they have brought to school as part of our topic.

**Class Notes**

**Gym Kit** – Shorts, t-shirts and gym shoes should be worn for indoor gym lessons. Earrings should be removed or covered with medical tape and long hair should be tied up.

During class time the children can have a drink of water from their water bottles.

**Library** – This term the children will have the opportunity to borrow a book from the school library. They will take home a book on Thursday and should return it to school the following Thursday to exchange it for a new book.