



# Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely half term. We are so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled into Year 1 and they are now very used to their new routines and expectations. Our theme for this half term is 'Terrific Toys' and we have lots of exciting learning activities planned. The children will enjoy learning about the history of toys and how toys have changed over the years by reading non-fiction texts and the internet. They will test a range of materials before designing and making their own toy box out of the material that they think is most suitable, create tally charts and graphs to show their classes favourite toys and much much more! This will lead us nicely into our Christmas celebrations, which may look a little different this year but we will do our very best to make them as magical and special as we possibly can for the children, and of course there will be plenty of glitter!!

## Learning reviews

We hope you all found the recent learning reviews about your child's progress and next steps useful. We thank you all for embracing the new virtual meeting format and for being so patient during the couple of technical glitches that we had.

## Home Learning

Thank you very much for your support with the takeaway home learning menu during Autumn Term 1. We have really enjoyed seeing all the fantastic home learning that the children completed that was shared with us on Tapestry. Please find the new takeaway home learning menu for this half term in your email. All activities are designed to be fun and interactive and are hopefully activities that you and your child can enjoy completing together.

## Reading

Thank you for ensuring that your child's reading book is in school every day and for keeping us updated on how your child is getting on with their reading at home via Tapestry. Reading is an essential building block for all learning and we would like to urge you to listen to your child read as often as possible. Please remember your child can change their reading book by putting their wallet (with book inside) in the 'reading books to be changed' box in their classroom on a **Tuesday** and/ or **Friday**. Even if your child has not finished a book, please ensure that they have their reading book in school every day. In school they will read with an adult as part of a guided reading group once a week.

## Tapestry

We will continue to use Tapestry as a way to share information about the learning that we have done in school with you. Your child's class teacher, or a teaching assistant, will add a reading comment onto your child's account when they have completed a reading session with your child. We also upload weekly phonics activities onto Tapestry which will reinforce the phonics learning that your child has received during the week, should you choose to complete them at home. In addition to this, we may also add extra activities and resources onto Tapestry from time to time. We will use the memos section of Tapestry if we need to relay any generic year group messages to you or share any key news.

### pecial days

We always try to celebrate special days and events in school to ensure the children learn about a broad range of topics. This half term we will be celebrating Children in Need, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

### Outdoor classroom

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school throughout the winter months, both for playtimes, and to enable us to learn outside if appropriate.

### PE

Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit (including jogging bottoms, jumper and pumps or trainers) in school every day as PE days can often change. In Year 1 PE is mainly in the afternoons.

### Birthdays – a reminder

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our celebration assembly. Your child is invited to donate a book to the classroom library to share with their friends. As a healthy school and due to allergy and dietary requirements of the children, we no longer give out birthday sweets.

We are looking forward to another half term of super learning in Year 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards

Year 1 Team

