**DOSBARTH 2**

**Spring 1 Newsletter**

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! First of all, we would like to thank you for your kind Christmas gifts and wishes before the end of term. They were very much appreciated! The children have obviously enjoyed their holidays and have had a busy first week back in school.

Here is some useful information for the start of term:

Half-term Topic

Our class topic this term is ‘**Making a Toy’**. We will be exploring toys from the past, designing and making our own toy, as well as holding numerous sessions with outside visitors coming into school to ‘Show and Tell’ on the topic of toys in history. We also have our exciting trip to St. Fagans on Friday 24th January.

Our outdoor role-play is a ‘Toy Shop’, where the children will be developing their oracy skills, as well as handling and using money to pay for items and finding change for the customers. We would be grateful for any small empty toy boxes to help stock the toy shop.

Maths

Our daily Number Gym sessions will be continuing this term. In the sessions we focus on counting, quick recall of number facts (tables, doubles and halves, pairs to 10/20/100…), reading, writing and partitioning numbers…

Our maths topics this half term are:

* Doubles and halves,
* Collecting and presenting data in tables, block graphs and pictograms,
* Money,
* Subtraction.

Reading

We will be continuing our weekly group reading sessions focussing on different reading skills. Each week your child will be coming home with new books to enjoy together.

The support you provide your child at home with daily is so beneficial to your child’s reading development. We are very grateful for your continued support in this home-school partnership.

**Can you please ensure that your child returns their reading book and diary by MONDAY every week.**

**Homework** will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday at the latest, unless otherwise stated. Reading and spelling words will be sent home weekly and fortnightly there will be either Maths, Literacy or Topic homework. Your support is much appreciated with ensuring homework is presented neatly, completed to the best of your child’s ability and returned on time.

All homework will be posted on the class webpage.

We will endeavour to update the class website on a regular basis with news and information. Activities and websites relating to recent class work will be uploaded to help support your child’s learning at home.

If you have any concerns or queries during the term please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Sully, Mr Davies & Mrs Ball

Homework

The weekly homework reinforces maths skills and spelling patterns we have been working on daily in class. Again, your support at home is much appreciated and is a great benefit to your child’s learning.

**Homework books are to be returned by Tuesday – Thank you!**

As you can see, it is going to be another busy half term!

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Miss Tingay and Mrs Rhodes