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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas holiday with your children. It is well-deserved after a busy term. We are all very proud of our 'stars' in Year 1! Next term our topic is 'Flowers and Insects'. Within this topic we will be finding out where **flowers** and **insects** prefer to live, about honey and silk production, looking at paintings of **flowers** and **insects** and **investigating** what plants need to survive. Each class will be keeping caterpillars as pets and watching them transform into beautiful butterflies which we will then release in our outdoor area. Local business 'Nando's' will be coming in to plant chilli seeds with the children so that they can watch them grow right in front of their eyes.

Homework expectations continue to include reading at least three times per week, completing a weekly spelling sheet and a weekly home learning task. **Homework books** should be handed in on a **Thursday** so that new spelling sheets and homework can be added, and your child's spelling test score can be reported. Homework books will be returned to you on Friday. A termly 'Family Homework' challenge will be set, details of which will be displayed at the front of your child's homework book. Please encourage your children to use the sound mats and Common Exception Words provided in their homework books when completing weekly challenges.

After being inspired by the performance 'Jack and the Beanstalk', in English next term we will be taking a closer look at this traditional tale. The children will be innovating the story to create their own version with a slight twist. We will then be looking at non-fiction writing and creating our own information report on an insect of our choice, linking to our topic 'Flowers and Insects'. Maths will focus on Number Sense, where the children will continue to develop their knowledge of counting to and past 100, forwards and backwards. The children will then move on to Multiplicative Reasoning where they will begin to multiply and divide numbers by 2, 5 and 10.

PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday** for both **1KT** and **1CC**. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit and water bottle in school on this day. As part of the school policy, if your child does not have their PE kit in school on this day, they will unfortunately miss their break time until it is brought in. In PE this term, the children will be applying and developing a broad range of movement skills in dance.

Children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day. There will be four options available each day including a hot meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with filling or a sandwich.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Cox and Miss Terry

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