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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Term 4 newsletter. We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an insight into what your child will be learning at school this term and how you can best support them at home.

Both your child’s Reading and Writing sessions at school will centre around the The Girl and the Dinosaur by Hollie Hughes. This book is available on many online resources, such as YouTube, and there are also copies in the Swindon libraries if you would like to read it with your child to familiarise them with the story and its characters. This is **not** compulsory but would benefit your child if you are able to do so.

The Reading sessions will place an emphasis on Phonics with your child needing to have a good understanding of the sound mat 1, 2 , 3 and 4 sounds. Resources to support your child at home were sent out in Term One and revised with you at the parent workshop. If you require further copies please ask your child’s class teacher. Your child will also need to be able to answer simple questions about what they have read, predict what they think might happen and use their own experiences to comment on what they have read. The Writing sessions will focus on writing an innovated story and a postcard.

In Science our focus is ‘Plants’. We will be naming the parts of a plant and exploring how plants grow by growing our own in the classroom.

History will be based around the topic of ‘The Great Fire of London’. Your child will develop their understanding of the key events and the Tudor period when it took place.

In Computing we will focus on grouping data, your child will learn how to collect data and use it to answer some questions.

PE will be on a Tuesday so please remember that your child is expected to **bring** their PE kit into school. It is essential that your child gets changed in school as we would like to support your child to develop their independent self-care skills. We recommend that your child brings in a clearly labelled bottle of water every day. This will be kept in the classroom, so that they have access to a drink at all times.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and certificates will be given each half term for all those children who have completed all their homework. Please remember from now on reading books and reading record books must be brought into school DAILY.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team; Mrs Willoughby, Ms Smith, Miss Coleman and Mr Roberts