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Dear Parents,

This term our topic is called 'Toys through Time' where we will be learning about different toys and how they have changed over time. We will be looking at our childhoods, our parents' childhoods and what it was like to be a child during Victorian times. We will be looking at books such as "Lost in the Toy Museum", "Dogger" and "Traction Man". We will explore the use of colour in our artwork and we will be experimenting with colour mixing as well as improving our sketching skills through the term.

This is a particularly busy term, and we will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Hannukah. As we move towards Christmas, we will be looking at the Christmas story, creating some Christmas crafts and listening to seasonal stories. In our maths lessons reception children will continue to focus on subitising (using our "fast eyes"), learning numbers in counting order and investigate how numbers are made. Whilst the year 1 members of the class will be comparing amounts and measures, using inequality symbols ($<$ $>$ $=$) to compare amounts, using the language of part wholes and applying this to numbers up to 5, ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc), partitioning (splitting numbers up), 1 more/ 1 less and bar modelling. All children will be learning about different measures such as height and weight which will then be applied to cooking.

We will continue to work with Premier Sports this term for PE. This will be a mixture of indoors and outdoors session so please make sure all PE kits contain appropriate clothing for both. **Trainers** are preferable for PE sessions. The children will continue to explore the outdoor area throughout this term so will need to bring in some **labelled wellies**. They also need to wear a **coat** in every day as we go outside whatever the weather!

This term we are very excited to be wishing Mrs Webb good luck for her maternity leave and we are very excited to meet baby Webb! Her last day will be Friday 29th November and we wish her all the very best. Whilst she is on maternity leave I will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays and Mrs Baker will be teaching on a Thursday.

As always, we will listen to your child read in class, but please ensure you are reading and recording in your child's reading diary at home. Reception children will be recapping the Phase 2 sounds and reinforcing those blending and segmenting skills and the year 1 children will be starting to learn phase 5 sounds. Please do check the sounds in your child's reading record for the week. Please do continue to use Doodle Maths, we won the cup once last term and we would love to have the cup more often in Daisy Class.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Webb and team