

15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week**

Following on from our very successful trip to Gunnersbury Toy museum last Thursday, we will be continuing the Toys topic. This will include numeracy, literacy and history.

In maths we will be starting to look at money. If you could count out money with your child, either at home (whatever is in your pocket), or in the shops (if there isn't a queue!) it will make the subject that much more immediate to them. We are not asking children to be able to count out money for themselves yet.

We are also continuing our rehearsals for the Nativity Play.

### **Year One Portrait Gallery Grand Opening**

Many thanks to those who were able to attend, the children really enjoyed the event and they really do appreciate the opportunity to showcase their achievements to adults.

### **Trip to Gunnersbury Museum**

Many thanks to those who were able to accompany us on this visit, we would not be able to do them without your support. The children really enjoyed it, and makes the lessons we have on toys that much more relevant. We hope the adults that were able to attend enjoyed the event as much as we did!

### **Trip to the Library**

Following last weeks visit by Pine Class, Beech Class will be going to Castlenau library on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, with a focus on our topic of 'Toys'. The Class will leave at approximately 10:45 am and arrive back for lunch at 12 noon. If you are able to come with us on the trip, please let Mr Agarwal know. If your child has a library card, please hand it to us on the day as they will have an opportunity to choose some books to take out.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary (more details to follow)**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 9.15am. PTA meeting, all welcome.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Making day (Please join us for a festive day of decoration and gift making for the school Christmas Fair on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity Dress Rehearsal (morning)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity (afternoon showing)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity (morning showing)

## This week's homework:

### English

- This week's words
- Reading - please read with your child as often as you can.
- High Frequency words - please practice these with your child as often as possible.
- In school last week we wrote firework poems in the shape of fireworks. For literacy this week we are asking the children to describe an Autumn Leaf, thinking about colour, shape and feel. If they wish, they can write in the shape of a leaf, and colour it in. A couple of leaf shapes are provided, but please feel free to be creative with this, the focus is on imaginative use of words and writing.

### Maths

- Doubling

Some children have been asking for additional writing to do at home. Whilst we wholeheartedly encourage and endorse writing and / or maths as pleasurable pastimes, the following is a suggestion only should your child wish to have a focus for writing, it is entirely optional. If they are looking for a starting point, might we suggest writing a diary of a Victorian child playing with their toys.

### Website

We are continuing to add to the school website, please have a look. We are aiming to add photos of both the Portrait Gallery opening and the Gunnersbury Museum visit in the near future. We are a very diverse year and we are aware that many children have relatives away from the locality, it is hoped that the examples of the children's work and the photos of events will allow those relatives and friends to keep in touch with your child's education.

It can be found at

[www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.lowther.richmond.sch.uk)

Looking under under

Parent's Information → Classroom Links → Year 1

Any views you have on the website would be much appreciate, please talk to Mr Agarwal at school or email him on:

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Many thanks

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