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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and it is great to be back this term in Cherwell Class. I look forward to seeing you over the coming days and meeting the Year One parents.

Our main cross curricular topic for this term is '**Toys from the past**'. This theme is historically based on how toys have changed through time. We have organised a workshop session based on toys and games from the past for the children on Friday 28th January (more details to follow) which will be run by The Oxfordshire Museum which is based in Woodstock. We will also be using some artefacts and resources from The Oxfordshire Museum to supplement the resources that we have in school. This is always a popular topic with the children, especially after Father Christmas has visited!

Our science theme is all about **Everyday Materials** in which we will explore the similarities, differences and properties of the main materials. Below is an outline of the different curriculum areas and what we will be learning about up to the Half Term break.

English	RWI , Spelling and Grammar Tasks Humorous Stories (Focus Texts: Traction Man series by Mini Grey; 'Alexander and the Terrible...' by Judith Viorst) Traditional Poems (Focus: AA Milne) Writing Instructions (making puppets)
Maths	Consolidation of Money topic Place Value (eg. tens & ones, representing & ordering numbers) Multiplication (eg. counting in 2, 3, 5 & 10s, adding equal groups, arrays & learning times tables) Division (eg. sharing into equal groups & using times tables)
Science	Everyday Materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Naming materials- Materials & Objects- Properties of materials- Investigations on properties of materials
Computing	Creating Media – making music
History	Toys from the past: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Toys from today- Family favourites- Early 20th Century Toys- Victorian Toys- Important changes in toys Museum visit workshop on toys and games from the past Making our own museum
Art/DT	Puppets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Using & evaluating puppets

	- Designing and making finger puppets
RE	Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? (Mrs Thomas)
PE	Ignite session – Thursdays Dance – The Magic Toy Shop – Tuesdays
Music	Creating Media – making music
PSHE	Jigsaw Resource: Dreams & Goals

To support our activities for the coming term we are collecting **materials to use in our finger puppet** making (felt, buttons, ribbon, sequins etc); **toy packaging** for our Toy Shop (especially small to medium sized boxes) and during the term we will be asking the children to bring into school one of their **favourite toys** and if possible, an **'old' toy** that may have belonged to their parents or grandparents. We will also be asking the children to bring in any examples of puppets. Please see separate note to follow, with dates. Puppet resources and packaging can come into school as soon as possible, thank you.

Our school value for this term is **Resilience** and we will be exploring this theme as a whole school as well as in our class assembly times.

Thank you for your support.

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