

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes. I hope you all had a lovely holiday spending time with your children and that they are now rested and eager to start the new year. We shall start this term by discussing the arrival of the Wise Men at Epiphany and sharing our holiday news.

### Curriculum

This term we are learning about 'Toys'. We shall be discussing any toys that we have received as Christmas gifts and comparing modern day toys with toys from the past. We shall also be looking at the various materials from which toys are made. Children will be invited to bring in one toy to show the class and make a short presentation about it during 'Show and Tell' time. I will let you know when it is your child's turn.



### Literacy

Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Children have sound flashcards and tricky words in their 'To and Fro' reading packs. Please practise these as well as reading books with your child. Please talk to them about the characters in the story and ask them to make predictions or retell the story to check their understanding of what they have read and change their book when they have finished it. Please sign the reading journal in the 'To and Fro' pack each time you read or complete flashcards with your child and remind them to bring their reading pack to school every day. Please also continue to help support your child with writing letters starting from the baseline.



We visit the school library every Wednesday afternoon and it is helpful if you could remind your child to bring their library book to school every Wednesday, even if they would like to renew it.



### Maths

Children will be learning to subtract a smaller number from a larger number, understanding they can expect to have 'fewer' objects if some have been taken away. They will also be exploring the weight of objects and comparing two or three things to say which is 'lighter' or 'heavier'.



### Reminders

Children are proud to tell us about their learning at home. Please share this in their 'Special Books'. We can print out photos you'd like to add to their books if you send them to the school Early Years email address [earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:earlyyears@st-cuthberts.n-yorks.sch.uk).

P.E. is on a Tuesday afternoon, followed by tuck shop (20p for a drink and 20p for a biscuit). We also have P.E. on a Friday morning which may be dance or using the bikes/scooters. Please ensure your child has P.E. kit (white T-shirt with school logo, navy or black shorts and trainers - not pumps) in school. As with all uniform, these must be clearly named.

Celebration Assemblies are on Fridays at 2.45pm in the school hall and provide an opportunity to share the highlights from the week. Children are proud of what they have achieved and we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely  
Helen Dutton

