**Class 1 Newsletter for Term 3**

This term our theme is *What will I wear?*  We will be talking about different kinds of clothes and why we wear them. We will be using fabric in our art work and talking about the texture of different kinds of fabric. In our science work we will be learning about different kinds of materials such as metal, plastic and wood and finding out about what they are used for.

In our literacy work we are practising retelling the story of Cinderella using a story map and we will be using it as a starting point for writing activities including writing invitations to a Ball and our own versions of the story. One of the children suggested that we could organise our own Ball at school! We will let you know how we get on with planning this...

We have begun the new term with some work on time in Maths. We would really like you to help your child learn to tell the time at home. Reception children need to work on o’clock times and Y1 children, once they are confident with o’clock times, can move on to half past times too. There are some activities on Mathletics that would support you in this.

Our Learning to Learn theme for this term is perseverance and resilience. We will be talking about how we can set ourselves goals and take steps towards them and also about how we can manage distractions.

**What you can do to help support your child at home:**

* Make sure they read regularly to you – little and often is best. They all have Bug Club books allocated to them which will support their development of independent reading using their phonic knowledge. If you have any problems with getting on to Bug Club, please see Miss Smith. In their book bags they have a Book Corner book for you to read to them and share with them and a Bug Club book for them to read to you with a little support. They can also choose a reading book from the bookcase which they should be able to read with some support from you. Don’t forget to write a comment or put a smiley face in their Reading Diary so we know when they have finished with these books. Reception book bags are changed on Mondays and Thursdays and Year 1 book bags are changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

* Go through their phonics books with them too and practise reading and writing the tricky words. All children now have weekly updates of sounds and tricky words in their phonics books.
* Don’t forget the Story Sack library on Wednesday mornings! Just drop into Class 4 with your child between 8.35 – 8.55am to take out or bring back story sacks. For those children who come in the taxi, we will help them do this during the day.

**Other Information**

* PE will be on Wednesday afternoons (Dance) and Thursday mornings (Games with Mr Smith).
* Don’t forget to label all items of clothing and PE kits clearly with your child’s name. It really saves us so much time when anything gets mislaid.
* We still need your cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic pots and other interesting resources for our art area. Recycled models are welcomed! We would also like interesting fabric scraps, wool, buttons and beads that you don’t need.
* Would you like to work with small groups of children on an art activity involving fabric and, maybe, some basic sewing? If so, come and see Miss Smith.
* Our new school website is now up and running – [www.tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.tortworthprimaryschool.org.uk) As of next week there will be information about what we are doing in Class 1 added to it, so give it a look.

Remember – any questions, just come and ask.

Miss Smith and Mrs Baker

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 31st January 8.45am – 9.15am Stay and Learn morning for all Class 1 parents. You will be able to look at your child’s books and find out about the learning they have been doing so far this term.