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Dear parents/carers,

This half term, in Year One, we are learning about the 'Past and Present'. We will be learning about how we have changed, growing up from a baby to a toddler, to a child. We will be comparing photos from now and then. **We would love it if you could continue to bring in your own baby photos for us to compare and use to create a timeline of our own history.**

As readers and writers, we will be reading the following core stories:

- Once There Were GIANTS
- The Neighbourhood Surprise



You can find links to the stories here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIK2NjSvvDg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udtetkm3WvM>

Questions to discuss at home

- How have I changed since I was a baby?
- What can I do now, that I couldn't do when I was a baby?

Vocabulary to learn

We will be learning lots of new vocabulary in our history and English lessons. Could you practise these at home?

- past, present, modern, impact, same, different, differences, compare, change



Readers

This year, we are using a phonics scheme called Little Wandle. We will send home two books on a Wednesday in 1OS and on a Friday in 1JM and 1HS. These books are your child's Little Wandle reading book and a library book that you can enjoy as a family. Please ensure that these are brought back into school on the **Monday in 1OS and 1HS and on the Wednesday 1JM** so that we can continue our phonics learning.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Writers

In writing, we will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be innovating the story 'Once There Were Giants' and linking it to our own memories. Can you practise your letter formation at home, making sure they are all sat on the line?

Mathematicians

In maths, we are focusing on addition and subtraction within 10 and we will be learning about money; looking at the value of each coin and note.

Can you set up your own toy shop at home? Give some of your toys price tags. Buy an item and find the correct coins needed to pay. You could also download the 1 Minute Maths app <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths> or play Hit the Button.



Scientists

In Science, we are learning all about plants. We will be learning about the names of the different parts of a plant, wild and garden plants, deciduous trees and evergreen trees and we will be sorting seeds and planting our own.

Sports people

PE this half term is on a **Monday for 1OS and 1JM and Friday for 1HS**. Please make sure your child comes to school in an appropriate PE kit (white t-shirt, black/dark blue shorts, pumps/trainers).

This half term we will be doing gymnastics!

As always, if you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you!

The Year One Team