Welcome back and Happy New Year from the Year 1 Team: Mrs Carter (1C), Mrs Hearn (1H) and Miss Jamieson (1J). We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for 2018!

This newsletter will let you know a little bit about what your child will be learning this term.

Our main projects during the Spring term will be:

- **A Toy’s Story**
- **On the Move**

For more dates and information please see our website:
http://www.stmarksprimary.net
**'A Toy's Story'**

This will be our project for the first half term and will be based around the film with a similar name. As well as exploring styles of toys in the past for History, we will be finding out about the range of materials toys are made from as part of our Science work.

We will be developing sketching skills in Art, using our own toys as a stimulus. Our English work will look at stories in familiar settings and also some poetry linked to the song, 'What a Wonderful World!' In Computing the children will learn how to safely navigate the internet; using toolbars and icons, and accessing websites. The end of this project will culminate in a 'Toy Museum' where the children will present their own exhibits!

**'On the move'**

This will be our project for the second half term.  This project also has a History focus where we will learn about different modes of transport through time, exploring how they have changed and why. We will link our Science to the materials that vehicles are made from and why they are suitable for their purpose.

Through English, we will be reading Mrs Armitage on wheels and writing our own versions of the story. In D&T we will learn about moving pictures; exploring hinges, pivots and sliders to make our own moving bike picture linked to the books read in English. In Computing we will be learning how to programme and control toys such as Beebots.

**Maths**

This term we are continuing to learn about place value to help us with our calculating and problem solving. We will continue to explore the main operations of addition and subtraction and use resources such as number lines and dienes to help us solve calculations. We will also learn about multiplying and sharing using objects to help us solve problems practically. We will keep practising our counting skills by counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We will revisit telling the time, focussing on reading the clock and recognising 'o' clock and half past, and we will be exploring 3D shapes and their properties. We will continue to work on the children's recall of number facts and making pairs of numbers to make 10 and 20.

**Reading**

Along with their daily Book Club sessions, your child will read regularly in school, so will need their green log book each day. Please read their book again at home to consolidate and record this in their learning log. Remember if your child has read their book at home and it is recorded in their log then they may change it at school themselves. If your child has key words, please make sure that they are also in school. Please also remember that Bug Club is regularly updated, so your child can access further books at their reading level.

**Inter-class competitions**

Last term 1C won the 'Musical Statues Challenge' for creating the best balances and 1J were the most successful class at the Penalty Shoot Out. Who will win this term?

**Library books**

Children will choose a book from the school library each week. Please make sure your child has it in their book bag along with their green log every Tuesday.