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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and the Red Barn team would like to wish all children, parents and carers a very Happy New Year.

As part of our new topic, '**Bear Necessities**', we will be sending our class Paddington Bear home with the 'Star of the day' at the end of the school day, commencing on Monday 8th January 2018. As a useful purpose for writing, we would like your child to write about Paddington's adventures and add a few sentences to our class diary. Your child is also welcome to add any illustrations or photographs. Please note that we would like your child to be an independent turtle when writing and the only expectation is that your child should be able to talk about what they have written. Circles, lines and random letter shapes are perfectly acceptable!

Please could you ensure that your child returns Paddington to school so that another child can take him home. Paddington will bring his travel bag with him, containing a number of items (please see the list in Paddington's diary.) We hope you enjoy using these items but ask that you return them all to the bag when finished and inform us of any items that are missing/damaged when you return the bag to school.

As there are 25 school days left until half-term and 30 children in the class, Paddington's diary will continue to be sent home for the first week after half-term (Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February) so that every child in the class has an equal opportunity of writing in his diary.

As always, thank you for your co-operation and continued support. We look forward to hearing about the daily adventures of Paddington Bear and his mischievous antics!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Milburn, Mrs Barker and Mrs Villiger
The Year R team

