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Welcome to Year One

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 1! This year the year 1 class will be taught by Mr Newman and the class is supported by teaching assistants Mrs Bealing and Mrs Baker, Thursday mornings will be taught by Miss Maynard. The first few days back at school have been successful and I am glad to say all of the children (and staff!) have settled in well and looking forward to a fantastic year of learning.

Daily Requirements

Please could you ensure that your child is wearing school uniform each day and that their clothing is labelled/named. It is much trickier to identify lost clothing when it is unnamed. As stated in the September Newsletter, we are no longer storing lost property and names will be added if you have not managed to do so.

Water bottles! Your child should bring a named water bottle to school each day. Squash is not permitted in classrooms but is allowed during lunchtime.

PE in year 1 will take place on Monday and Tuesdays but due to weather could change. Ideally, your child's PE kit should remain in school in a named bag. This will then be sent home at the end of each half term.

Reading

All children in key stage 1 are expected to read **5 times per week** aloud to an adult and recorded in their green reading journals. These will be checked on a Thursday with a new recording sheet added. Every child will be given a new book on Mondays and Thursdays. When reading with your child, please help develop their comprehension skills using the prompt sheets found in the reading journal.

Phonics is an important skill learnt in year 1 supporting both reading and writing. All children in year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening Check which takes place during the week beginning Monday 12th June. To support your child's phonic learning they will be given a home

learning worksheet on a Friday so you can see what they have been learning and help them practice at home.

Mathletics

Your child will soon be given Mathletics login details, a programme that can be accessed at home to support and develop their maths learning. This is a good opportunity to help your child with the maths they are learning in class with the opportunity to earn certificates which will be handed out and celebrated in class.

Home Talk - School Write

HTSW will continue on a half termly basis and is another way for your child to share their learning. A letter will be sent home explaining an upcoming writing activity. This activity should be discussed at home before writing at school. An unmarked copy of your child's writing will be sent home after completion.

Curriculum

Long term planning can be found on the year 1 page on the school website. I have attached a copy of this half term's Topic Web that outlines what your child will be learning about this term.

All of the year 1 team look forward to working with your children this year. Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,
The year 1 team

Mr Newman - Class Teacher
Mrs Bealing - Teaching Assistant
Mrs Baker - Teaching Assistant
Miss Maynard - PPA Teacher (Thursday morning)