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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year One

We are all excited to be back and are looking forward to the year ahead. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and we are looking forward to hearing what you have all been up to! This newsletter will give you more information about the work the children will be doing in English, Maths, and PSHE during the Autumn Term. To find out more about what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the class blog.

Meet the team

Mr Grant– Class teacher

Mrs Watts and Mrs Goldner - Teaching Assistants

Topics

Our topic this term is 'Toys.' The children will be looking at similarities and differences between old and new toys and comparing different types of materials and their uses. If you have any good photos of old toys that we could use we would be very grateful, could you email these to the office.

Year One Autumn curriculum

English

We will be covering a range of genres starting with labels, lists and captions. The children will then go on to learn to read and write poetry, stories, instructions and recounts. The children will be focusing on sentence structure and the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Mathematics

In Maths we will be focussing on place value, counting reliably to 20 and ordering numbers. Furthermore, we will explore addition, subtraction and money. The children will be using different equipment to support their understanding and a range of mathematical terms to explain their understanding.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

We will be looking at: Being my best and Me and my relationships. We will also be supporting children returning back to school and looking at how we can help each other to be part of a class bubble.

Homework

We really appreciate your help with homework as the work set consolidates the learning that has happened during the week in school. Homework is given in a homework folder on Fridays and is due back into school the following **Thursday** to be checked.

- **English**-Children will receive Spelling or phonics homework alternating each week. Spellings will incorporate practising for a test. Phonics will incorporate an aspect from their weekly phonic lessons.
- **Maths** – Children are set one piece of maths homework to consolidate the work we have been doing in class that week.
- **Reading**- All children are expected to read for at least 5 minutes each day with an adult.

Ways you can help your child at home

We hope your child will enjoy reading with you at home. We can't emphasise enough the importance of reading with your child. They will choose one book from our class library for you both to share and we will also

be sending home reading scheme books. These books will be changed once a week, so it is important that your child brings his/her book bag every day. If your child would like to change their reading book during the week (on a day other than their normal reading day), they can put their book bag into the large box labelled 'Book Bags' in class and a member of staff will then change their book. Please comment or sign the home/school reading diary every time you hear your child read. If your child reads five times a week they also get a sticker to go on their reading reward chart. 5 stickers would mean that they have read 25 times and will then get a certificate presented to them in our in-class Celebration Assembly.

Certificates are awarded as follows:

- 25= Bronze
- 50= Silver
- 75= Gold
- 100= Platinum
- 125= Commended Reader
- 150= Reading Worm

The children's reading record will be checked in school on a Friday to count their reads for the week; therefore, it is important that parents record ALL reading that is done at home.

PE days

PE will be outdoors on both Tuesday and Thursday. Your child must not wear any jewellery on these days. Please can you make sure that they have appropriate clothing for PE in school all the time. As it will be getting colder; warm outside kit is particularly important as we will go out each week unless we have extreme weather. **Outdoor kit:** Plain navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain white T-shirt plus plimsolls/trainers. You can also provide a navy fleece or tracksuit top for cold weather.

Please ensure that all clothing brought into school is clearly named.

Snack

In Year 1 the children can bring their own morning snack to school with them. This must be a healthy snack of vegetables or fresh or dried fruit. They will still receive a free piece of fruit every day in the afternoon.

If you have any questions, worries or queries about any of the above or other matters please don't hesitate to ask us at the door or email the office.

We look forward to an exciting year!

Yours sincerely

Mr Grant
Class Teacher