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Dear Year 1 families,

Welcome to year 1. We hope the children are all very excited to be at the start of their KS1 journey. They have had a great start to the term and it has been lovely to meet so many parents.

Please can you ensure that your child gets to school promptly as they will have a morning activity to complete on the carpet.

In the first half term the children will have a PE session every Wednesday morning. The children will need to bring black jogging bottoms or shorts and a white T-shirt which can be kept in a PE bag on their peg. The children can either wear black plimsolls or go bare foot. The children can leave their PE kit in school for the duration of the half term.

Homework: Today we have sent home our first topic homework in the colourful green scrap book. The hope is to make the homework as creative as possible, so feel free to use the book how you wish. It is a new homework system for the children so please do ask any questions if you are unsure of anything. The idea is that they complete the tasks over the half term at times that suit you.

Mental Maths and Spelling is done weekly and is tested on a Friday. You will also receive a Maths Rocket; please keep your laminated version at home. Each week your child will be working on one step within a stage. In year 1 we will start at Stage 1 (step a). Every child goes at their own pace and then is tested on that specific stage on a Friday.

Your child will be set spellings on Fridays based on their phonics sound for that week. It is vital these are practised daily if possible in preparation for each Friday's test.

Next week your child will be given their first home reading book. Please try to read each book 3 times. Firstly to decode new and unknown words, secondly for comprehension and finally for fluency. It is important that children have the chance to read fluently to develop their confidence.

We are available to talk at 3.30pm should you need to, once the children have been dismissed. There will also be parents meetings to discuss the children's progress. If you have any specific worries or concerns please feel free to email the office.

We are sure that your children have been delighted to tell you they have earned gems for their great work or behaviour. This will go towards their house team and the winning house team gets an end of term trip. Some may even have told you they have gone onto GOLD and have therefore received a sticker. As a whole class we can earn treasure chests which enable us to have extra time in the playground on a Friday. We hope that this system will encourage positive learning behaviours throughout the school day. Each week we also have a star of the week who goes onto Golden Table on a Friday, a star in writing and a star in Maths. These children get their certificates in Monday assembly.

*We will be going on having a trip each term. We will take 4 parents from each class on each trip and will try to ensure we take different parents each time. We thank you in advance for supporting trips, they cannot take place without the support of parents and trips are vital to enrich the children's learning so thank you for this support.*

*Again please ask anytime you are concerned or unsure about anything. Please keep up with and support daily reading, spelling and mental maths. But most importantly please remember that learning should be fun and enjoyable so if at any point you feel you or your child is struggling please do let us know and we can always think of ways to help support you.*

*Many thanks*

*The Year 1 team.*