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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful weekend and I'm sure you all had tired children after their hard work in our first week of Year 1! This letter should include all the information you need for our first term, but if you have any questions or worries about anything, do not hesitate to catch me at the gate to pass on short messages or arrange a meeting where you feel it is appropriate. Please also feel free to email me.

General Notes

If children are to be away from school for illness or any other reason, please follow the guidance from Mrs Dobson. The morning expectations are the same as they were in Reception and the children are encouraged to independently hang their coats on their named pegs, lunchboxes next to the pegs and to bring water bottles and bookbags into the classroom.

We have had new coat pegs fitted inside. This means we no longer have the space of the coat trolleys and no space for backpacks. The children will only ever need their reading books and space to take sheets home. The only time they should bring a separate bag is for Forest School or a trip. Thank you for understanding and helping to keep the classrooms organised!

Learning in Year 1

The start of the Year in Year 1 takes a play-based approach. This means that after their learning time on the carpet, there are supported activities for the children to complete relating to each subject. These can range from art activities to more supported maths and writing tasks. These activities will remain the same for a week to allow the children time to really explore each activity and nurture the learning from our lessons. Although there are a number of changes and new things to learn in the move from Reception, we will support the children in adapting to them.

Our topic web will provide you with an insight into our learning this term. Topic Webs can be found on the school website.

PE

PE lessons will be on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days, they do not need to bring any spare clothes and they will stay in their PE kits for the whole day.

Forest School and Swimming are not until later terms and information regarding these will follow closer to the time.

Reading records

I will be sending the children home with a new reading record and book this week. It is important that you continue to hear your child read at home. Books will be changed on a **Friday** and we expect the children to read the same book at least 4 times to develop fluency and improve their confidence. We will also be hearing your child read on a regular 1:1 basis as well as prioritising whole class story time every day.

Phonics

I understand that supporting children with their Phonics can often seem overwhelming. I will be sending home some information for parents on the correct pronunciation of phonetic sounds and how to support your children with their learning at home. Over the next few weeks, I will also send home some extra information on keywords your child needs to learn to read and write in Year 1.

Hopefully this letter has covered most areas but if you have any questions, worries or things I need to know about, please send me an email and I will be happy to help. I am looking forward to getting to know yourselves and your children and guiding them through a fun year ahead!

Best wishes

Miss Breeze (Class Teacher)
Miss Clarke (Class Teaching Assistant)