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Year 1 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 1. I am very excited to get to know all your children this year and find out their interests so that we can plan exciting learning opportunities that they will all enjoy. In this curriculum letter you will find important information about the coming term, how you can help at home and a few things to remember throughout the week. Thank you for assisting in a successful first week.

Reminders:

- Please can P.E. kit be in school all week from Monday morning. It will be sent home every half term. P.E is on Mondays and Thursdays, but their PE kit may be needed for other activities.
- Homework is set on Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday, generally, but occasionally there may not be any due to seasonal activities or school trips.
- Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. As well as the school's reading scheme books, children might enjoy their own books, magazines/comics and library books. Please remember to replace reading comment books and reading books back in your child's book bag the following day so that they may have the opportunity to read at school.



- If your child wishes to bring a toy to school it must be **pocket sized** and not valuable or electronic. These toys should be kept in Year 1's toy box and only taken out at playtimes. They are your child's own responsibility, so please discourage them from bringing in anything that they may be upset to lose.
- 'Show and Tell' will be every Friday for one group at a time. To make it fair to all children, we will rotate around each home table group so that all of the children are able to have a go if they would like to.

This term

The children have settled really well into Year 1 and they have already enjoyed tasting and making ice cream. Many of the children come in by themselves from the Quiet Area and we would welcome your support in encouraging the children to become independent in this way, putting their own belongings away in the correct places.



This term's work will be exciting and fun! Our focus is on ourselves and our senses. The work we do in science, literacy, maths, art, history, geography, design and technology, RE and PSHCE will link together, so the children will cover a lot of objectives. Finding out about our senses will allow us to enjoy the tastes of harvest, the excitement of flashes and bangs on Fireworks Night, and the lights and sounds of Christmas.





Through the stories of Monkey Puzzle and the Funnybone family, we will be learning about our body; how we change as we get older, and to tie in with this we will look at the differences between old and new toys nearer to Christmas.

Year 1 have the exciting opportunity to take part in Forest Schools sessions this term which allows the children to learn outside of the classroom and explore their environment and surroundings. A letter to explain more about this will be sent out in due course.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Look through your child's baby album with them and talk about how they've changed.
- Look at any of your own old toys, or those belonging to your parents; see how they differ from your child's toys.
- Encourage your child to use their senses – taste new flavours, listen to birds or to you whispering from the bottom of the garden, look carefully – what can you see with one eye?

Finally, can you…

- Spare any time for reading with children in school?
- Join us when we sew, cook and go on trips?
- Let us know if you or anyone you know, is expecting a baby this term / has recently had a baby and would be happy to come and visit the class.