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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to welcome the children to Year 1 this week. They have settled in brilliantly and are already becoming familiar with their new classroom routines. The following information will give you an overview of our daily structure and outline how you can support your child's learning at home.

Year 1 School Day

Morning - doors open at 8.40am

Afternoon - doors open at 3.15pm

P.E

The children will have P.E on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E kit, which is to be kept in school. P.E kits will be sent home at the end of each half term to be cleaned and for you to check that it still fits. As with all school uniform, each piece of P.E kit should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure that earrings are removed on P.E days or that your child can remove them themselves.

Morning Snack

In KS1 the children receive government funded fruit every day during the morning break.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. Children will be encouraged to drink frequently, and bottles will be re-filled as needed. Water bottles will be sent home every evening to be cleaned and returned the next day.

Home Learning

- **Reading**

Reading is a vital part of your child's learning. To support their progress please read at least 5 times per week with them at home and record it in their reading diary. Short reading sessions of 5 to 10 minutes each day will be hugely beneficial to your child. If they read five times each week, your child will become a star reader and be entered

into a prize draw at the end of the term. Please ensure book bags are brought to school every day with your child's reading book and reading diary in.

- **Homework**

Each Friday your child will be given a homework task. This will be a writing or maths activity linked to the week's learning. Please help your child to complete the task and return it by the following **Wednesday**.

- **Spellings**

Words linked to the phonics sounds of the week and common exception words will be sent home every Friday. Please practise spelling these words with your child during the week, they will be tested in school on the following **Friday**.

- **Purple Mash**

Sometimes there will be tasks on Purple Mash to complete online, instead of written homework. These will take the form of fun activities and games. Your child's username and password for Purple Mash are on the inside cover of their reading diary. Please help them to learn to login and encourage your child to explore the educational games on there as well as completing homework activities.

- **Phonics**

Towards the end of the spring term your child will have additional homework in the form of past Phonics Screening Check papers. Please work through these papers with your child to help to prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check which will take place at the start of the summer term.

Further Information

On the school website there is further information that will assist with your child's learning such as:

- **Long Term Curriculum Map** - this is a brief overview of what your child will study each term this year.
(*School website -Curriculum - Curriculum Maps*)
- **End of Year Expectations** - a brief summary of what each child is aiming to achieve by the end of the school year.
(*School website -Curriculum - Curriculum Maps - End of Year Expectations*)

Should you need to contact me please ring or email the school office, your message will be passed on, and I will respond after the school day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Eyre
Class Teacher