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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely half term. The children have settled really well into Year 1 and are very used to their new routines and expectations. Our theme for this half term is 'Amazing Animals'. The children will enjoy learning about the rainforest and the animals that live there, through the Julia Donaldson story 'Monkey Puzzle'. We will also use the well-known stories of 'The Gruffalo' and 'Stickman' to support our learning, along with non-fiction texts to find out about Julia Donaldson herself. The children will get the chance to learn and perform some of the famous author's poetry too.

Learning reviews

We hope you all found the recent learning reviews about your child's progress and next steps useful. If you have been unable to attend please see your child's class teacher to book an appointment.

Learning to Learn evening

To help you understand how to support your child's learning at home we are again running our very successful Learning to Learn evening. This will take place on **Wednesday 27th November** from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Further details on the topics to be covered will be sent out nearer the time.

Celebration of Learning

A positive home-school relationship is very important to help children learn and so with this in mind, we would like to invite you to our Celebration of Learning event. This will take place on **Tuesday 26th November from 3pm to 3.30pm** in your child's classroom. During the event, your child will share with you all of the learning in their books that they have completed since starting Year 1 and together you will choose 3 pieces of learning that you are both really proud of. Further details and a reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Home Learning

Thank you very much for your support with the takeaway home learning menu during Autumn Term 1. We have really enjoyed seeing all the fantastic home learning that the children completed and brought into school to share with us. Please find the new takeaway home learning menu for this half term in your email. All activities are designed to be fun and interactive and are hopefully activities that you and your child can enjoy completing together.

Reading

Thank you for ensuring that your child's reading diary and book are in school every day. Reading is an essential building block for all learning and we would like to urge you to listen to your child read as often as possible. Please remember your child can change their reading book by putting their wallet (with book and diary inside) in the 'reading books to be changed' box in their classroom on a **Tuesday** and/ or **Friday**. Please remember to sign to say that your child has read the book otherwise it will not be changed. Even if your child has not finished a book, please ensure that they have their reading diary and book in school every day. In school they will read with an adult as part of a guided reading group once a week.

Special days

We always try to celebrate special days and events in school to ensure the children learn about a broad range of topics. This half term we will be celebrating Children in Need, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Our Christmas production will take place on **Wednesday 11th December** and **Thursday 12th December** starting at 9.15am – tickets will be booked via eschools and further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Following the success of last year, we are hosting another Grandparents Christmas event which will take place on **Friday 29th November**. Grandparents will be able to come to either a morning or afternoon craft making session, where they will help their grandchild make a range of Christmas crafts. Tickets will be booked via eschools and further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Library visit

To bring our Amazing Animals topic, and Julia Donaldson learning, alive we have arranged a visit to our local library in Lillington. The children will walk to the library in their class groups. Permission for your child to visit local areas has already been provided by you. Once at the library, the children will find out how a library works and will be given a chance to explore the different types of books. They will also listen to a special story read by the librarian. We will need parent volunteers to make this visit possible, so if you are able to help, please let your child's class teacher know.

Tuesday 12th November, leaving school at 9.20am – Amber Class

Tuesday 19th November, leaving school at 9.20am – Sunshine Class

Tuesday 3rd December, leaving school at 9.20am – Primrose Class

Outdoor classroom

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school throughout the winter months, both for playtimes, and to enable us to learn outside if appropriate.

PE

Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit (including jogging bottoms, jumper and pumps or trainers) in school every day as PE days can often change. In year 1 PE is mainly in the afternoons.

Birthdays – a reminder

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our celebration assembly. Your child is invited to donate a book to the classroom library to share with their friends. As a healthy school and due to allergy and dietary requirements of the children, we no longer give out birthday sweets.

We are looking forward to another half term of super learning in Year 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards

Year 1 Team

