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Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your children have had a wonderful summer break, and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year One. Our theme for this half term is 'The Wonderful World of Julia Donaldson.' The children will enjoy using some of Julia Donaldson's well-known stories and poems as stimulus for their learning, as well as some new ones they may not have heard before. This half term our approach is very much transition based and we are focused on settling the children into school happily and safely. The children will get lots of opportunities to choose their learning from different areas of the classroom linked to our topic and will also spend time completing activities with the grownups that work in their class.

Welcome to Year One

In order to provide information about the routines and expectations in Year One we have made a video presentation which will be available on Tapestry from Wednesday 8th September at 4.00pm. Please spend some time watching this video. If you have any questions related to what is shared in the presentation then please do get in touch via the school email address.

Loving Reading

Over the next two weeks we will be spending time listening to all of the children read individually. This will allow us to provide your child with an appropriate reading book for sharing with you at home. Once your child has a school reading book we ask that you keep it in the plastic wallet that you will be given for this purpose and send it to school every day in your child's book bag. We recommend that you try to hear your child read every day – little and often really is the best approach to supporting your child with their reading. In Year One we change the children's reading books on a Monday morning. Your child will be allocated two reading books covering a range of genres including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. On Fridays your child will be given an opportunity to choose a book from our Reading Area which you can share together over the weekend. In school the children will read with an adult as part of a guided reading group once a week or individually once a week. They may also read with an adult on top of or instead of their guided reading session. We will use Tapestry to communicate information related to your child's reading sessions just as The Reception Team did last year. Tapestry is designed to be used as a two way communication tool, so please do add comments onto your child's Tapestry account to let us know how they are getting on when they read with you at home too.

All children have home access to Phonics Bug and can continue to use the login and password given to them in Reception.

Tapestry

In Year One we will be using Tapestry to share with you the reading sessions that your child takes part in at school. Every Friday we will also upload resources and activities that you can use at home to support the phonics learning that we have completed in class. If you and your child choose to complete any of our home learning tasks these should be uploaded on to your child's Tapestry account; we can then share and celebrate these pieces of learning in our classrooms. Please remember that your child will have a new Tapestry account for their time in Year 1 and Year 2, you will need to activate your child's new account using the information that you have already received about this. If you need any help with this then please do get in touch.

Home Learning

In Year One the children have optional home learning in the form of a "take away" sheet with a variety of ideas, based on their current topic, for them to pick and choose from. The home learning is designed to provide the children with fun opportunities to consolidate or extend their learning at home and involve you in the process. This is very successful and the children enjoy sharing their home learning with the class. Please do not feel that you have to do every task listed. The sheet is designed to cover a range of our curriculum subject areas and certain activities may appeal more to your child than others. We include 6 tasks as this allows for approximately one piece of home learning per week should you choose to complete any. Please upload any completed home learning on to your child's Tapestry. We really do enjoy seeing what the children have been up to and like to celebrate their achievements with them.

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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 Harvest Festival by visiting St. Mary Magdalene's Church. We will also be supporting National Poetry Day in October and this learning will be launched by the children's author Andy Seed.

Outdoor classroom

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school throughout the autumn and winter months, both for playtimes, and to enable us to learn outside as much as we possibly can.

PE

In Year One during the Autumn Term PE is normally on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The children will get changed for PE in school, as they did in Reception, however they will come home in their PE kits. Please ensure that your child has their named PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions (shorts, T-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) back in school ready for their next PE lesson.

Water and fruit

Please send your child to school with a named and filled water bottle every day. The children have access to their water bottle all day and can drink when they need to. If your child brings in their own fruit from home please can we ask that the fruit is not strawberries, kiwi or pineapple due to allergies.

Birthdays

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our celebration assembly. As in Reception, 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 really looking forward a super year of fun and learning in Year One. If you have any questions throughout the year then please just ask.

Kind Regards

Year One Team

