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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a wonderful summer break and we would like to welcome you to Year 1. Our theme for this half term is 'Once Upon a Time'. The children will enjoy learning about traditional stories that they may already be familiar with and new ones they may not have heard. This term our approach is very much transition based which means the children will get lots of opportunities to choose their learning from different areas of the classroom linked to our topic.

Welcome Evening

An important date for your diary is our Welcome Evening which will give you the opportunity to find out about the routines and expectations in Year 1 and ask any questions you may have. This will be on **Tuesday 10th September from 6pm-7pm** and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that this meeting is for parents and carers only and unfortunately we cannot accommodate the children.

Home Learning

In Year 1 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 an opportunity 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. You will be able to find out more about this during the Welcome Evening.

Thank you to the families who have returned the summer family tree learning challenge. Please feel free to keep bringing these in as the children are enjoying sharing them with their peers.

Reading

Your child will be given a new Year 1 reading diary which contains useful information about reading. To help keep reading diaries safe and clean we have also provided a tuff wallet which the diary should be kept in.

We recommend that you try to hear your child read every day. At the moment our system for changing reading books in Year 1 is the same as it was in Reception (we will let you know if it changes). There is a 'reading books to be changed' box in each Year 1 classroom where your child should place their diary and book on a Tuesday and Thursday morning if it needs changing. 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.

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

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 attending a church service led by Year 2 at St Mary Magdalene's church in Lillington. A letter about this visit will be sent to all parents nearer the time. We will also be celebrating National Poetry Day in October by focusing on nursery rhymes and simple poems for the children to read and perform before being inspired to write their own.

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

In Year 1 during the Autumn Term PE is normally on Monday and Thursday afternoons. However, please make sure that your child has a named PE kit (including jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and pumps or trainers) in school every day as PE days can often change

Playtimes/Water/Toilets

In Year 1 the children always have a morning playtime and lunchtime break. However, an afternoon playtime is taken at the discretion of the class teacher. Many afternoons, the children are actively learning through PE, art or outdoor learning and therefore, do not need an active break.

The children are encouraged to drink and refill their water bottles and visit the toilet at appropriate times of the day. However, please be assured that they are never refused these but may be asked to wait 5 minutes if the class teacher is currently explaining something to the whole class that all children need to hear.

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 looking forward a super year of learning in Year 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher and we look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Meeting on Tuesday 10th September.

Kind Regards

Year 1 Team



Race equality

