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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely break together over the Easter Holidays and that there was lots of rest, chocolate eating and fun to be had. Fingers crossed that the sunshine and warmer weather that arrived in the second week is now here to stay.

Firstly, thank you all so much for the very positive return to 'full opening' that we have had in Year One from 8th March. We have LOVED having all of the children back in school and our classrooms have been back to what they should always be – noisy and full of fun and laughter! We are so proud of how each and every one of our Year One little learners have returned to school. They are happy to be back with all their classmates, friends and familiar school grownups and have settled into their daily school routines beautifully. We will, of course, continue to make the children's well-being our priority throughout this term whilst building upon what was learnt during remote learning and our key worker provision.

Summer Term 1 Topic

This half term our new topic in Year One is 'William Shakespeare.' Within this learning, we will be finding out about the man himself and why he is famous locally, nationally and worldwide. We shall become familiar with a range of his plays, but in particular will focus on 'Romeo and Juliet.' We will look at life in Tudor times, explore the geography of Stratford-upon Avon and much much more!

Home Learning

We have created a home learning take away menu of suggested activities that you may choose to complete with your child throughout this half term. These activities are designed to complement, and in some cases reinforce, the learning that has taken place in the classroom and are linked to this half term's topic and a range of subject areas. If you choose to complete any of these activities then please do upload photographs on to Tapestry as we can then share them with the whole class and celebrate what your child has achieved at home in school.

Each week we will also upload onto your child's Tapestry account some phonics activities and resources specific to your child. These activities practise and reinforce the phonics skills that your child has been working on all week in school. We would appreciate any time that you can spare to complete some of these activities as a little extra practice really does make such a big difference.

Education City

All children in Year One have access to Education City – a website which has a vast range of high quality education activities and games. Your child has their own log-on details to this website which have been posted on their Tapestry account. Each week we shall be allocating some online activities to your child's Education City account. These games will be linked to the learning that we have been completing in class that week, or they may be activities to reinforce learning completed at an earlier date. We would be really grateful if your child could spend a little time accessing these games or activities; they are a great way to practise skills and reinforce knowledge in a fun interactive way.

Learning Reviews

A really big thank you to everybody who attended the recent Learning Review meetings via Teams. We hope that you found these meetings as useful as we did. It was lovely to be able to spend some time discussing your child's achievements with you and sharing their next steps. If you were unable to make your appointment time then please do get in touch with your child's class teacher to rearrange.

Reading

We are very fortunate to have access to eBooks on Bug Club which many of your children are reading regularly. As you are probably aware Bug Club books also have interactive comprehension questions which develops their understanding of the texts. As a parent you can also register for free with Oxford Owl who have a wide range of FREE eBooks suitable for children of all ages. Their web address is: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Uniform

Please make sure that your child brings a warm, waterproof coat both for playtimes and to enable us to learn outside if appropriate. Please make sure that your child has a named PE kit including jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers in school every day as PE days can sometimes change. Please remember that children should only wear small, plain hair accessories in blue, white, grey or black and long hair should be tied back. If children wear earrings, they should be small studs which they can remove themselves for PE. If they can't remove them then they should be able to tape them up themselves.

Water bottles

It is important that your child has a water bottle with them every day. Water bottles will continue to be sent home DAILY so that they can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. This really helps to combat the spread of germs in school and eases congestion at the water fountains in the mornings.

Birthdays – a reminder

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them which we do in class and as part of our Teams celebration assembly. Your child is invited to donate a book to the classroom library to share with their friends. Please do not send in sweets or cakes.

If anybody has any questions about this half term's learning then please do get in touch with us via the school office. Once again, thank you all so much for all of your ongoing support; we really do appreciate it. Here's to another successful half term with lots of happy, excited and hard working little learners.

Kind Regards

The Year One Team

