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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely half term. We are so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled into Year 1 and they are now very used to their new routines and expectations. Our theme for this half term is 'All Around Me' and we have lots of exciting learning activities planned. The children will enjoy learning about their local area and begin to recognise and name human and physical features. They will learn about the artist Paul Horton and use his work as inspiration to create a printed piece of art linked to our Geography learning. This will lead us nicely into our Christmas celebrations, which may look a little different this year but we will do our very best to make them as magical and special as we possibly can for the children, and of course there will be plenty of glitter!! More information to follow very soon.

Learning reviews

We hope you all found the recent learning reviews about your child's progress and next steps useful. We thank you all for embracing the virtual meeting format and for being so patient during the couple of technical glitches that we had.

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 that was shared with us on Tapestry. 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 book is in school every day and for keeping us updated on how your child is getting on with their reading at home via Tapestry. 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 inside) in the 'reading books to be changed' box in their classroom on **Monday**. Even if your child has not finished a book, please ensure that they have their reading book in school every day. In school they will read with an adult as part of a guided reading group or one to one once a week.

Tapestry

We will continue to use Tapestry as a way to share information about the learning that we have done in school with you. Your child's class teacher, or a teaching assistant, will continue to add a reading comment onto your child's account when they have completed a reading session with your child. We also continue to upload weekly phonics activities onto Tapestry which will reinforce the phonics learning that your child has received during the week, should you choose to complete them at home. In addition to this, we may also add extra activities and resources onto Tapestry from time to time. We will use the memos section of Tapestry if we need to relay any generic year group messages to you or share any key news.

Volunteers

As part of our Geography learning this half term, Year 1 will be going on a walk around our local area. In order for this to happen we really need a few extra adults to support the walk. We will be going at 9am on Monday **15th November**. If you are able to support please speak to your child's class teacher.

PTA Pyjama Party

Year 1 will be having a PJ Party on **Thursday 18th November at 5pm-6pm**. We will have party games, snacks, and dancing. Please see the information flyer from the PTA for further details.

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. **Children in Need** is on **Friday 19th November**. This year to help raise money the children have decided they would like to wear their uniform as normal but add a spotty accessory such as socks, hairband or bandana, for a small donation.

Learning to Learn evening

We hope you will be able to view our Learning to Learn videos which will be uploaded onto Tapestry on **Wednesday 24th November**. Any resources used will also be uploaded onto Tapestry. If you need any further support helping your child learn at home please do not hesitate to email or phone the school office and your child's class teacher will contact you as soon as possible.

Celebration of Learning

A home-school relationship is very important to help children learn and although in normal circumstances we would love for you to come into school to see firsthand your child's learning. Unfortunately this will not be possible this term however, each child will have the opportunity to select a piece of their learning that they are most proud of and this will be scanned and uploaded onto Tapestry by their class teacher for you to admire and be proud of too. This will take place on **Tuesday 30th November**.

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 for Tuesday and Thursday. 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

