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Dear Parents,

Year 1 Curriculum Letter

Welcome to Year 1 for that which promises to be an enjoyable and productive year.

Our topics this term include:

Science: Comparing and identifying materials

History: Isambard Kingdom Brunnel

Geography: Field and map work

DT: Playgrounds

Spanish: Introducing ourselves, counting, animals and colours

Art: Materials, Harvest crafts, Christmas art.

Games: Ball skills

R.E.: Belonging, Diwali, Christmas.

PSHE: Being Me in My World/Celebrating Difference

Music: Developing musical skills through singing games, music and movement, listening activities and percussion instruments. There will also be a Christmas Nativity Play.

English: Our work this term will focus on stories with familiar settings, comprehension and phonic work using the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme. We will reinforce initial and final letter sounds and focus on consonant, vowel and consonant (CVC) words during spelling sessions. We will also be working on sentence construction and encouraging children to develop positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they have read by listening to and discussing a wide range of fiction, poetry, non-fiction and textbooks. Pupils will also be taught to recognise text in their own environment by reading books, looking at signs, labels and captions for a range of purposes. Children will also increase their familiarity with a wide range of books, including fairy stories, non-fiction and poetry, retelling some of these orally and using drama

- English homework will be set on Wednesday and will need to be returned by Friday.
- Wednesdays will see the children receive spellings to practise and learn for a spelling test the following Wednesday. Please keep the spelling book at home during this time and try to do 5 minutes practice a day on a separate piece of paper, these can be kept at home.
- Reading books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Please send the reading books into school with your child each day. We request that you sign in the reading record when you have heard your child read. If there is any comment you wish to make regarding your child's reading, please do so in the reading record and it will be read and noted by us at school.
- When reading with your child, please note that it is important to ask questions about the story and characters and to involve him or her in making predictions about what might happen next. It is essential that you listen to your child read every day if possible. We understand that children can be very tired after a long day at school, so we do understand if there are days they are not able to read. However, there is always time for a bed time story! Children will learn a great deal from simply listening to an adult read and letting their imagination take over. Bedtime also provides the perfect opportunity to model how adults read and allow children to see how a voice can be used to add tone and expression.

Maths: This term the children will be developing their awareness of the numbers to 20 and beyond. This will include ordering numbers, identifying the largest/smallest number and work on place value. We will engage in simple addition and subtraction calculations, paying close attention to the number bonds to 10. Work on both 2D and 3D shapes will be covered, whilst in money we will be looking at exchange and simple addition calculations.

- Maths homework will be based on what we have covered each week and will be sent home on Friday, to be returned the following Monday.
- Homework will be consolidation of previous learning.

Games/Swimming/PE: Games lessons are on Monday afternoons, P.E. is on Tuesday for 1S and Friday for 1H. Swimming is on Thursday mornings.

Children are required to wear the Long Close uniform for sports as requested on the uniform list. This includes navy swimming costume on swimming days and the school tracksuit for PE lessons. Please ensure that your child does not wear earrings at school.

If parents wish to join us on Thursdays for swimming lessons please can we ask that once the children leave the pool area that you leave your child to return to the coach independently with the teachers.

The following outlines which kit your child will need to bring into school for which day:

Monday: Children should come into school in their school uniform with their Games kit in their Sports bag ready to change into for Games. They will get changed back into school uniform before home time.

Tuesday: 1S children should come **into school** in their P.E kit, and they will also return home in their P.E kit. This means that on Tuesdays they will not need to bring their school uniform into school at all.

Thursday: We will go swimming in the morning. Your child will need to come into school in their P.E kit, with their **swimming clothes** in their **swimming bag**. They will remain in their P.E kit for the rest of the day.

Friday: 1H children should come **into school** in their P.E kit, and they will also return home in their P.E kit. This means that on Fridays they will not need to bring their school uniform into school at all.

Outdoor Games the children will need to bring in their labelled kit and leave their kit bag in the cloakroom area located next to the Reception playground. You will find that your child has a labelled peg. The bag can either be placed on the peg or on the bench below it. They will get changed in their respective classrooms before the lesson later in the day.

In your child's book bag you will find a **homework diary**. This will be used as a form of communication and will be checked daily by either ourselves or Mrs Dillon, our Year 1 class assistant. **Our Timetable** is in the diary.

Please can we remind you that all children should be lined up in the playground for the start of the day where we will collect them and walk them into the classrooms. To develop the children's independence please encourage your child to walk with us and parents please refrain from entering the classrooms unless your child is upset or you have a query as we are keen for the children to put their own belongings away and begin learning as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding with this.

As teachers, we understand that it is important to work in partnership in order to provide the best education for your children. Please feel free to come and see us about any concerns that might arise, however small it may seem. We really do want the best for your children and in our experience this is best achieved through open lines of communication. We will then endeavor to solve any problems as quickly as we can.

Firefly: Our virtual learning environment will be up and running for Year 1 parents.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. We are both really looking forward to the coming year!

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Hallett & Miss Staniford
Year 1 Class Teachers