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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you all to Year 1. You will be glad to know that all the children have settled so well into their new setting. We look forward to making your child's learning fun and enjoyable and aim to provide you with support to help your child throughout the year.

Autumn Topic

Our topic for the first half term is 'Where we live'. We will be learning lots about the history of Stoke-on-Trent, especially the pottery industry and its famous manufactures. As we encourage children to continue their learning at home, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child research their topic. This can be done by either sharing information about any local pottery that you might own or by supporting them on the internet or by reading books. We would appreciate if you could support your child by taking photographs of local pottery and by helping them to make simple notes about what they have discovered to share with the whole class.

For the second half term we will be celebrating 'Christmas through the times'. The children will be both excited and fascinated to learn about the traditions linked to Christmas and why they became customary! More information about this topic will be available after the half term break.

Reading Folder

Children are asked to bring their reading book and diary into school everyday. Your child will be read with once a week and will bring home a new reading book each week. They will also bring home spellings to learn. It is very important that you listen to your child read at home each day and practice spellings. The diary **MUST** be signed each week to show that you have read with your child.

PE Kits

PE days are Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school everyday and that it is clearly marked with the child's name. In addition, on PE lesson days please ensure that all jewellery is removed. All earrings must be removed on PE days as staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Planners

In addition to you signing each week to say you have read with your child, pages 4, 6 and 7 of the planners must be signed ***immediately*** so that your child is able to access the internet in school.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support,

The Year 1 Team