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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 'Memories'. We will be learning lots about old and new toys and houses. 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. You may have noticed that the planners have changed. This is to make it easier for you to record when you have read with your child. Please tick each day as you listen to your child read. There is also room for you to comment on your child's reading and for you to sign each week. Please listen to your child at least 3 times a week. In addition, pages 4, 6 and 7 of the planners must be signed **immediately** so that your child is able to access the internet in school.

### Homework

Each week children will be expected to read at home and practice their spellings. Spellings are slightly different this year and will now be sent home in their own folder. The spelling lists will include a set of spelling patterns and also a few random words that children are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 1. Spelling tests will take place on a **Friday**.

### 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. We now have a climbing wall in school which the children will have the chance to experience and that we are very excited about!

### Pen License

As an incentive to encourage a high level of presentation and to acknowledge beautiful handwriting, your child may be given a pen license at some point during the year. This means that they will be able to complete their work in pen rather than pencil and will be given out if a child demonstrates handwriting of a high standard that is consistent.

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

Thank you for your support,

The Year 1 Team





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