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Dear Year 1 Parents/Carers

The children have made a really great start to the term. We hope you will all be able to make the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next week, at which you will find out about lots of practical matters relating to life in Year 1.

In advance of that meeting, we wanted to let you know a couple of things:

- The first official home learning task will be set next week. However, over the weekend please ask your child to choose a small-ish cuddly toy, preferably an animal, that they are happy to bring into school and keep here. It needs to be small enough to fit into their drawer and to occasionally sit on the table next to them. This toy will be their 'breathing buddy' for some short meditation exercises we will be starting next week. It will also be their 'reading buddy' for independent reading activities.
- We have listened to all the children read this week, in order to confirm which colour book to give them as their home reading book. Please don't be concerned if your child brings home a book that is from a band lower than the one they were given at the end of Reception. We are simply asking some of them to revisit the previous level to help them redevelop fluency and maintain confidence after the summer break. It is important to us that the children get pleasure from reading and we would rather start them off with a book that is easy for them to read, rather than one they are struggling to de-code. At this stage of the year re-reading each book at least twice is a great way to increase fluency and help children sound like a 'real reader'.

Many thanks

The Year 1 team