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Dear Parent & Carers

Welcome back to Year 1 and a Happy New Year to you all!

Thank you very much for all your Christmas cards and gifts.

I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break and your child is raring to go for the new spring term ahead.

Below is information about the learning happening in year 1 during the term ahead and some reminders.

Spring Term Curriculum Coverage

Please see the attached Year 1 Curriculum Map for the spring term. This provides an overview of the key topics and skills that will be covered this term.

During the spring term, Year 1 we will be focusing on writing non-fiction reports and instructions, continuing to working with numbers to 20 in maths and learning about Materials in science up until half-term, incorporating the National Curriculum through a thematic approach.

Parent Surgery

It is important to encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we would try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately. Appointments can be booked via the school office.

Reading

Children are expected to read aloud at home to an adult every day. This is to be recorded in their Reading Record books which will be checked throughout the week. Please make sure your child's book bag and reading book is in school every day. Books are changed in school on a Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our focus in Year 1 is to read high frequency and common exception words on sight and develop comprehension skills. At the same time children will need to hear, share and discuss a wide range of high-quality books to develop a love of reading and broaden their vocabulary.

Spelling

The children will continue to have their spellings sent home on a Friday and will be tested during the week.

Maths fluency

Many parents have asked how they can help their children with maths at home so this term children will be given a maths fluency book. Children will bring the book home each week with a skill they can practice over the course of the week.

e.g writing numbers to 20, counting in 2's, practising number bonds to 10.

The book will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday.

Topic grid/Learning Logs

Children are producing some lovely work in their Learning Logs. They will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Topics will vary from week to week according to our subject focus.

PE

PE lessons will take place on a Thursday and Friday. It is important to have a PE kit available in school all week. The children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate school uniform at all times and that it is all named.

Equipment

A reminder that your child should have the following items in school at all times:

- A water bottle
- P.E. kit including spare socks and underwear
- Wellies for playtimes in wet and winter weather

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We are hoping to book an Old and New Toys workshop at Hitchin Museum for the Spring term. This will cost approximately £10. Further information will be provided in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us and arrange an appointment if you have any queries or worries. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Graddon
Class Teacher

