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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 1! I hope you had a restful summer. The children have had a fantastic start to the year and we are looking forward to a term full of learning and fun. There are lots of changes for the children including a new classroom, a new timetable, new topics and new challenges. We are delighted to have Miss Tan with us in Year 1. Please read below for some of the crucial bits of information that will help us make these changes as smooth as possible for them.



Topics

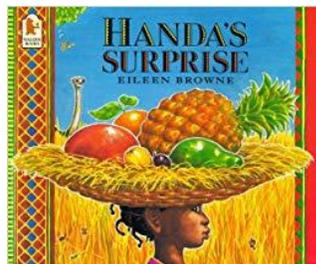
Animal Kingdom is our first topic in Year 1 this year. Through this topic we will be learning about animals, including humans. We are looking forward to safaris in the playground, animal spotting, drawing, labelling and exploring the many ways in which animals are grouped.



Reading

Phonics continues to be a focus in Year 1 so it is important to please make time to read with your child every single day. Your child will be given a reading log and we would ask you to write a brief comment with the date whenever you read together. Your child will be assigned a group and specific book changing day that will be stuck on the inside cover of their individual reading log. Please ensure their reading log, phonics book, reading book and library book are all brought in on that day to be checked and changed.

Class texts include:



Spellings

Each week we will have a spelling 'game' (*test*) on a Friday. We will send home the sounds the children are learning for that week and about 20 example words for you to practise at home stuck into a little blue spelling book. They will be tested on up to 10 of those words. There will also be 2 tricky words/common words which the children will need to learn off by heart. This week's spellings will go out on Friday and the children will be revising some sounds they should know well to ease them into the spelling routine. Their first 'spelling game' will be next Friday so please return the blue spelling books to school on that day.





Maths

In maths the children will spend the first few weeks revising numbers to 10. The focus is on place value (tens and ones) and addition and subtraction as this will lay the foundation for the rest of the year in our maths learning. The children will be sorting and comparing numbers and using number lines and hands-on resources in their daily work.



Homework:

Look out for your child's homework folder containing their Maths and English homework books in the coming weeks. There will be pages assigned each week to be completed and returned to school on Mondays. Please only complete the correct week's homework as it will link with what we are learning in class.



Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many children looking so smart at the start of the school year. Please look on the website to see a full list of what your child should be wearing every day. It is also really important for children to have the correct PE kit in school. This includes suitable footwear for games outdoors. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named to avoid any confusion!



Attendance and Punctuality

Finally, please do work hard this year to ensure your child has 100% attendance and that they are always on time for school. The children are really excited about working as a team to win the attendance and punctuality trophies!

Year 1 Timetable	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maths and English homework due ✓ Indoor PE ✓ Dolphins book change day
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Outdoor PE ✓ Lions book change day
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maths and English homework given out ✓ Penguins book change day
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tigers book change day
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spelling books returned ✓ Spelling test given ✓ Monkeys book change day

Much of the information included in this letter will be spoken about in greater detail at our "Year 1 Welcome Meeting" for parents next Wednesday at 3.40pm. We would love to see you there! Furthermore, if you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the beginning or end of day or arrange a meeting with me by contacting the school office.

Thank you for all your help in supporting your child's learning at home. It is going to be a wonderful year!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dawson
Year 1 Class Teacher

