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Dear Parents and Carers, I would like to say hello, and welcome you to our Year 1 class. I am really looking forward to teaching your children in this next academic year, it is sure to be an exciting journey. In addition to me, your children will also be receiving support and guidance from Mrs Mullan and Mrs Satterthwaite throughout their Year 1 experience. Together we will do the best possible job we can to make sure that your children are always learning, laughing and growing together.

Reception to Year 1

Our aim in Year 1 is to ensure that children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. The children will learn through continuous provision and will gradually be eased into more formal learning as they year goes on.

They will continue to learn through exciting topics so that they remain motivated, enthusiastic and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to write any small notes in your child's reading diary that you need me to be aware of, or come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Year 1

Your child will continue with their home/school diary and book which should be brought into school **every day**. They will have a 'Little Wandle' book and a sharing book. If necessary, their sharing book will be changed on a **Monday** and **Friday**. The 'Little Wandle' book will come home on a **Thursday** and should be returned to school by **Monday**. It would be of enormous benefit to your child if you heard them read (just 10 minutes) every day, especially in an important year like Year 1. Could I please ask you to **record the title of the book and sign the diary** - any comments are most welcome. If the book has not been completed in full, please indicate the pages read. I have enclosed a separate letter about receiving prizes for reading.

Google Classroom

Join our class on Google Classroom using the code **25jayds**.

General Reminders

PE Lessons: The children will have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Library: The children will visit the library on a **Monday** and have the opportunity to change their books.

Learning: The school website is updated regularly, which will inform you of the learning taking place in our class.

Homework: Daily reading, weekly spelling test and Little Wandle sheet, Learning Journal and Google Classroom every half term.

Spellings: If appropriate, given out on **Friday** and tested on the following Friday. The sheet can be kept at home to practise recording the spellings throughout the week or can be accessed on **SpellingFrame**. Following the test, the spelling book will be sent home for you to share in the children's learning. Please can I ask you to send it back into school after the weekend.

Toys - Please discourage your child from bringing into school any personal items.

Water bottles - Please can I ask you to send into school a **named, full** drinks water bottle for your child to access throughout the school day. Following the school policy, they should only contain **water**. Children have the opportunity to re-fill their bottle.

Birthdays - If your child's birthday is on a **school day**, they may wear their own clothes. The children may choose to bring in **one** of their favourite birthday gifts to show to the class. No sweets/cake to share in class, please. This safeguards any children who may have allergies. In addition, please refrain from sending party invitations in school for distributing.

General information - Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's bag. The children are encouraged to check their own bags each morning and give things in after the register, including their learning journals.

Regards, Mrs McCulloch