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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1 Squirrel Class! It has been lovely getting to know the children and to see them settle into their new building and routines so well.

The Year 1 teaching team consists of:

Class Teacher: Mrs Smith

Class LSA: Mrs Pamphlett

Phonics

We will be revising phase 2,3 and 4 phonics over the next couple of weeks. After that, we will continue to use Bug Club and start phase 5 phonics. We will be sending home the sounds and tricky words after each unit has been completed for the children to practise with you.

Spellings

We will be sending home spellings soon for the children to practise at home. Our spelling quiz will be on a Monday morning. The spelling practise sheets will be put in your child's reading folder on a Friday for them to learn for the following week. Please support them in practising daily if you can.

Reading

The children will start reading in their guided reading groups this week. They will be bringing home one book a week on a Friday, as well as having access to online Bug Club books. Initially we will be revisiting phase 3 and 4 books until we start phase 5.

Please listen to your child read daily, it really does make a difference to their confidence as well as having a positive impact on their writing. The children will be given a reading diary for you to note down when they have read and any comments you would like to make. The more they read, the more house points they get! **Please keep their reading book and diary in their book bag at all times**, as the children will read with an adult on different days in school.

Maths

Maths will be taught 5 mornings a week through practical lessons and activities.



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PE Kits

The children in Year 1 will be taking part in PE twice a week. We will have outside PE on a Tuesday afternoon and inside PE on a Friday morning. Please continue to encourage your child to dress and undress independently, to aid their speedy changing of PE kit in school.

Children are expected to always have their PE kits in school in the event of timetable changes. In accordance with the updated PE Kit policy, children are allowed to wear a PLAIN coloured T-shirt in the same colour as their house OR a plain white T shirt. Please can children wear black or dark coloured shorts. They will need an outside PE kit when the weather turns cooler and this should be a blue or black plain top and jogging bottoms. They will need trainers and these should have Velcro straps unless they can tie laces independently. **Long hair must be tied up.** I have hair bands in school if hair is not tied up; this applies to boys as well as girls.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure your child has a drinks bottle filled with water in school every day and that this is named.

Teacher Contact

I am available to talk to on the playground at the start of the day 8.45am – 8.55am as much as possible for the next few weeks.

Curriculum Overview

Please see the attached overview, which gives you more information about what the children will be learning this term.

Kind regards

Mrs Smith

