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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and you all had a wonderful summer break! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Year One teacher and provide you with the relevant information for the busy term ahead.

In Year One, we are fortunate to have Miss Bartesaghi, Mrs Darrington and Miss Sulman working with us. To allow me time to carry out my responsibilities as Assistant Headteacher, Miss Marron will be teaching the class every Wednesday. This ensures the children continue to receive high-quality teaching while I fulfil my leadership duties across the school.

Please find attached a copy of our class timetable which allows the children opportunities for child-initiated learning as well as daily teaching of phonics, reading, English and maths.

Reading

The children will have three reading sessions at school across the week, as well as their daily phonics lesson. However, for the children to really make excellent progress with their reading we need your help! We would very much encourage you to spend 10 minutes every day enjoying a book in a quiet place with your child. Over the course of a week the children will bring home three different books from school, so you should have plenty of reading material to enable you to do this! A conversation about what they have read, the characters in the story and predictions about what might happen next are very important for the children's developing comprehension. Once you have completed any home reading, please record a quick note in your child's reading diary, so that we are able to see how they got on with you at home. It would also be very helpful if **their reading books remain in their book bags and are brought into school every day** so that we are able to change them if necessary and use them for in class reading sessions. Thank you in advance for all your support with the children's reading!

Spellings

We will be sending home new spellings every Friday for a test the following Friday. Children's spelling test books will be sent home for you to check their progress. Please ensure these also remain in their book bags in case they are needed at school. Please support your child with their spellings by talking about the meaning of each word, helping them to sound each word out carefully and count the sounds and finally try to write them down from memory. A visual aid to support your child with their letter formation when practising their spellings has been attached for your reference.

Uniform

Please could you ensure all clothing is labelled to save lost jumpers and staff sanity! Thank you in advance!

Snack and Water Bottles

If you would like to supply your child with a snack from home, please ensure it is a piece of fruit. Alternatively, the children are provided with a piece of fruit every morning before break time. We do not have cups in Year One so it is important the children bring in a named bottle of water every day.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to catch an adult at the door in the morning or after school. Alternatively, contact the school office to arrange an appointment. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children and a busy, happy and productive school year!

Yours Sincerely,

Amy Coleman
Assistant Headteacher and Year One Class Teacher