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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 Parent Information Letter

Hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and looking forward this coming year. I had the amazing opportunity to come into school to work with and around your children at the end of last term. This allowed me to get to know them before they start their Year 1 journey.

I wanted to give you all an outline of the curriculum for the first term, which is below.

The topic this term is: Once upon a time..

Literacy the children will follow the Talk for Writing scheme using The Gingerbread Man as our stimulus for various pieces of writing. There will be a story map for each tale displayed in the classroom, which children will use to help them learn actions to the stories.

The children will continue to use Read Write Inc for **Phonics**, which they have been set for already. Children will be given a reading record at the start of the term that is taken home everyday in the book bags with their phonics-reading book and an additional book at the appropriate level. Feel free to come in and borrow books from our book corner. Reading at home with your children as often as possible will improve their fluency and confidence.

Maths this term will focus on number and place value ensuring the children are fully confident before their next steps. It would be great if you could count forwards and backwards with your children at home, as this will consolidate the learning taking place in the classroom.

Swimming is on Wednesday afternoon this term, so please ensure that kit is labelled (including hats).

PE will take place on Monday afternoon, so ensure that your child's kit is left throughout the whole term.

Please can you ensure your child's name is written inside all their clothing items, this will make it easier to find if anything is lost. A reminder that children are also not allowed to wear jewellery during PE or swimming, so all earrings and other items must be removed.

Homework in Year 1 will be different from Foundation and the aim is to get them settled into the Year 1 school routine first but can I suggest that homework for the first term is for you to **read with your child each evening** and then record some comments in the record book that will be provided. Practice their sounds for 5 minutes a day, I can provide a Sound Mat. For Maths a MyMaths login will be shared with you to view & play with your child at a later date.

You will get emails/letters from time to time regarding specific and ad hoc activities. Depending on the activity you may need to help by providing materials such as egg boxes/cereal boxes,/toilet rolls etc if they are junk modelling.

The **Outcome** for this term will be on Thursday 24th October at 2:40pm. I invite you all to come in to look at your child's book and talk to them about Year 1 so far. This will include characters they have added to a traditional tale, masks, castles, experiments and more.

Please be aware that on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday I will be teaching the children. However on a Wednesday, as a Newly Qualified Teacher, I will be taking time to progress my professional development training in the morning and complete lesson planning in the afternoons. The teacher on Wednesday will be Mrs Chapman who has previously worked with Year 1 group.

I hope this letter covers any queries about this starting term, if not please feel free to talk to me after school with any questions you may have. Or you can contact my email:

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Miss Thomson, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Paterson and Mrs Fletcher