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Dear Parents

Welcome to Year One! The children have settled into Year One life extremely well and they have adapted to all the new school and class routines very quickly. It is almost as though they have been here all year! This letter contains all the key information you need to know for the term ahead, but please don't hesitate to ask me if you have any further questions.

The School day

Thank you for collecting and dropping off your child at the school playground double gate. The gate will be opened at 8:40am and again at 3:10pm. Please ensure you are at the gate for these times because the school gates will be locked at all other times! If you are late please go to the main office.

Staff

This year our class will be supported by Mrs Bateson and Mrs Coates every morning and by Miss McHardy in the afternoon.

Maths and English

The children will continue to be taught Read, Write, Inc. according to their phonetic ability as they were in Reception class. Class assessments are taking place the week beginning 25th September, this will determine their groups.

English will be taught every day, this will be a combination of reading, writing, speaking and listening and handwriting. We will be reading and writing signs, lists and labels, poetry and stories about familiar places. Maths lessons will also be taught every day. We will be developing our understanding of place value with numbers to 10 and beyond and counting forwards and backwards beginning with 0 or 1 or from any given number.

Reading

Please bring your child's book bag to school every day. Your child has been given a reading book to practise their reading with at home, please do this as often as you can, this will support them in their reading journey and help them make good progress. They will also be given a yellow reading record which will be written in weekly by myself to show their reading journey in school. When you hear your child read at home, please can you also make a small comment in the same yellow book? Thankyou.



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The children has also be given a list of Common Exception Words (Tricky words) which is stuck onto the first page of the yellow reading record. These are words which children in Year One are expected to read and spell by the end of Year 1. Most of these words cannot be blended to read so they are learned by sight. Please can you practise reading these words as often as possible?

Theme

Our theme for the autumn term is called *Amazing Places and Spaces*, this is a *Geography* focus. This theme develops the children's understanding of where they live, and what buildings and places are important in their local area. Through his theme the children will be taught the Art, D.T and ICT curriculum.

Our science theme is *Animals* including humans. This includes learning about human and animals' bodies by considering the similarities and differences between them.

We will also have a Music, Computing, PHSE, P.E, Forest school and R.E weekly lesson.

Class Value

As a church school we feel it is important that each class has a value that has been specifically chosen for them. Our class value is **forgiveness**. This value will be explored in our class assembly times. We also have a whole school value which is **friendship**.

P.E

The class PE sessions are on a **Monday morning and Thursday afternoon**. Please can your child come to school in their P.E kit on that day? It can be an outdoor P.E uniform, if it is cold weather, which includes a school hoodie and tracksuit bottoms. To keep your child safe please tie up your child's hair if it is long and cover or remove any earrings. If your child is unable to take part in our PE, they must have a written note.

Educational visits

- A walking visit to the Post Office.
- A tour around Kendal on a 1940's bus.

Year 1 Promises

I will send a copy on Seasaw of a list of the Promises for Year One - a variety of activities and experiences that we will complete during this school year. As well as being a lot of fun, we believe it is important to provide as wide a range of experiences as possible during your child's time in school.

Snack time and water bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle filled with water in school every day. They can also bring a healthy snack to eat at milk and fruit time if you wish.

One final reminder... please can you help your child by making sure their sweatshirt and coat is named.

I am really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. Please do contact me if there is anything at all that you wish to discuss.

Best wishes
Margaret Beresford



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