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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final term of Year 1!

This letter provides some useful information for year one along with the attached curriculum map for the Summer term. This term, our topics are Paddington Bear and Under the Sea.

During the term, the children will sit the Year 1 phonics screener assessment (week commencing Monday 6th June), sing in the whole-school singing assemblies each week, give a class assembly (Thursday 5th May) go on our Forest School trips to Hill End (Thursday 26th May and Thursday 14th July) and continue to grow by working hard and playing together.

As we transition back to "normal" with Covid-19 restrictions easing, here are few important reminders:

Drop-off/Pick-up & Registers

The children arrive and depart via the pedestrian gate, which opens onto the main playground. Mrs Donaghey will be at the pedestrian gate in the mornings and the teachers will walk the children to the KS1 gate to release them at the end of the school day.

School opens at 8:45am. I welcome the children in the classroom and lock my door at 8:55am as I take the register at 9:00am. Anyone arriving after this time is late and will have to go round to the office.

School finishes at 3pm. If picking up older siblings means you are delayed, please ask their teacher to send them to the KS1 gate with year one as we now no longer have staggered end times to the day.

Reading diaries/Library visit/Online platforms

Every Monday afternoon I look at the children's reading diaries and get them to choose three new books to take home. If they don't bring in their diary and books I cannot give them new ones. If you have misplaced your diary you can always write on a piece of paper the daily reading they have done that week. The expectation for homework in year one is for your child to read every day at home for 15 - 20 mins.

Every Thursday morning we visit the school library to return and borrow books. You can always bring in the book early and the children can keep it in their drawer ready for the visit.

Before the Easter holidays I sent an email regarding the online platforms we will start to be using more regularly. This included your login details and further information about BigMaths and Google Classroom. Please make sure you have read this and ask me any questions you may have.

Communication

We welcome you to contact us with any queries or concerns through email. Please feel free to talk to us this way. We may not be able to answer immediately, but will get back to you. For anything urgent or for something that needs to be shared immediately, you can either call the office, speak to Mrs

Donaghey on the gate, who will pass on the message or send your child in with a note. You can also make an appointment with us at a mutually convenient time, by calling or emailing the office.

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Absence

- Please let the office know in advance if your child has a medical or similar appointment and will need to be taken out of school or to arrive late.
- If your child is ill, please ring or email the office as soon as possible on each day of absence.

Clothing

- PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Forest school is on Thursdays but children should come to school in clothes that are suitable for PE every day. We will not have PE kits in school. Please tie long hair back.

Suntan lotion

With the warmer weather arriving, suntan lotion is advisable. Please apply suntan lotion before your child comes to school. Children should not share lotion so if you want them to reapply, please make sure they have their own bottle in school. Lotion can be reapplied at lunchtime if necessary. Hats are also advisable as the field is very exposed during the summer months.

Symptoms

The school continues to be vigilant about Covid-19. Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of the virus: a high temperature or a cough or a loss of taste or smell. If anyone in school shows any of these symptoms they will need to go home immediately.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mr Heather