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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. This is a brief introductory letter to give you some information and to let you know about the variety of activities that we have already planned for our Year 1 class.

We have 27 children in the class this year. Our teaching assistants in class will be Mrs Bayliss (Monday and Tuesday all day and Friday morning) and Stevie Biltcliffe (all day Thursday). Mrs Bayliss will be teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon whilst I have my PPA time.

Our PE sessions are currently on a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. Children need to wear their PE kit to school on these days including trainers. Please can long hair be tied back and all jewellery, including earrings, taken off.

Homework will be set on Fridays and this will be set via Google Classroom. Further information regarding homework will be sent out shortly. Year 1 homework will include the opportunity to practise spellings linked to the phonic sounds we are working on via Spelling Shed and regular reading. There may be times when you think spellings are too easy but sometimes children learn words as a one off that they continue to misspell in their daily written work. Occasionally we will set a short task related to what we are working on in class or something that is coming up. We always go through the homework before it is set and ensure that the children understand what they need to do. We think it is important for the children to learn to work at home but we also think they should not be so burdened that they cannot pursue other interests. We would be grateful for support with homework.

The draft Long Term plan for Year 1 2020-2021 is on the Year 1 Evenlode Class area of the school website and be accessed via this link:

https://appleton.oxon.sch.uk/uploads/9/5/4/0/95408552/year_1_curriculum_plan_2020-2021.pdf

For reading at home, we will be using the oxford Owl site to access reading books online. In school, children will have a set of reading books that they can keep in their tray for when they read with an adult in school. There is some helpful guidance regarding reading and phonics on the Oxford Owl website, including the pronunciation of phonic sounds. There is also information regarding the Year 1 Phonics Screening which takes place in June 2021.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/expert-help/phonics-made-easy/>

Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Gemma Leggett