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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year One

Firstly, the whole team would like to welcome you all to Year One. It has not been a traditional start to the new year. However, we would like to reassure you that we are working hard to ensure that the children settle back into school life as happily as possible. In previous years, we would have been able to welcome you into school for a face-to-face meeting. As this is not possible at the moment, we would like to let you know how we are planning to organise the year and what the children and you might expect from us over the next few months.

We would like to thank you for your help and support with the new dropping-off and picking-up arrangements. We know that we cannot speak to you quite as easily during these times, but we would like to reassure you that we are always available via e-mail or telephone calls.

The first few weeks have been all about settling the children back into the routine of coming back into school. After this transition period, the children's day will become more structured. We will still be using our outside areas to stimulate the children's learning and there will be opportunities for them to develop their own interests during Explore and Learn time. In Explore and Learn time, the children will also be encouraged to practise and reinforce different aspects of their learning.

We are not able to have P.E. sessions at the present time. However, on a Monday the children need to come to school in P.E. clothes, as we are able to have an outside session with our P.E. specialist Mrs Knight. As the weather gets cooler, the children can wear tracksuits to ensure that they do not get cold.

This topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be learning about our bodies and the five senses. In mathematics, we will be looking at number, addition, subtraction, and shape, space and measure. This year we also put a lot of emphasis on the children's using and applying skills. The children will develop their understanding of using mathematics to solve real life problems.

As you are aware, the classes are not able to mix. This means that we will not be mixing the children for Phonics Groups for the near future. We will however, still be teaching phonics on a daily basis in our own classes. We will be revisiting the high frequency words from Reception this term. The expectation in Year One is that the children will be able to read and spell these words. We will be sending a parent mail home each week, which will let you know the keywords that we are focussing on, some maths ideas (linked to

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the White Rose maths scheme) to share at home and any other news and information that we need to share with you.

We are hearing the children read twice a week in school and we are sending the reading book home. Some children will also have a keyword list to practise. Once we are able to welcome you back into school we will be able to hear the children read more frequently. In the meantime, if you could practise the reading book and encourage the children to read their own books or any other forms of print it will really help them to develop their reading further.

We have had a big emphasis during this transition period of ensuring that we are addressing the children's wellbeing. We are very aware that their 'lockdown' period was a very strange and unprecedented time. We will continue to deliver our curriculum to ensure that the children's physical and emotional wellbeing is taken into consideration at all times. Again, if you have any concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once a fortnight Miss Prosser will be taking each class to cover for PPA.

Finally, we would like to thank you for being so supportive; we really do appreciate your help. We look forward to being able to speak to you directly during our Parent Teacher Consultations, when we can discuss your child's learning and answer any questions that you might have.

Thank you

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