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Dear Year One Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a very happy new year. The children have once again settled quickly into the routines of year one and we are excited for our new topics, ‘Explorers’ and ‘Seaside’.

Literacy	<p>In reading, we will continue to use phonic knowledge to decode new words. The children will participate in guided reading sessions where they will undertake a range of reading activities. We encourage parents to read every day at home with their children and to record a comment in the purple reading records. Children are able to change their school reading books as often as they wish, they will be reminded daily but new books will be issued every Thursday.</p> <p>In writing, we will be looking at contemporary fiction such as, Possum Magic, Tiddler and Rainbow Fish. With Possum Magic we will be looking at foods from Australia and England, which will lead into our Design Technology block making scones! We will be looking at the poetry of Michael Rosen, his expressions and actions help to bring the poems to life!</p> <p>Spellings will continue to be sent home every Friday. Please encourage your child to use, ‘look, say, cover, write, check’ and then to correct their spellings if necessary. Spelling folders should be returned to school every Thursday.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this term we will cover measurement, including length, height, mass and speed. We will also be looking at coins, so please familiarise your child with these at home. Children will continue to familiarise themselves with the number system by counting forwards and backwards to 100, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, ordering numbers, comparing numbers and sequencing.</p> <p>Maths homework will be sent out on the back of the children’s spelling homework. Maths homework will be sent out every Friday and homework should be returned to school every Thursday. Please note that we encourage the use of practical apparatus to support your child’s learning in maths e.g. bead strings, counters, hundred squares.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topics for the spring term are ‘Explorers’ and ‘Seaside’. We will cover a range of subjects through these topics including science, geography and history. The children will explore properties of materials and will carry out a range of scientific investigations such as testing magnetic materials and floating and sinking objects. We will be looking at famous explorers and the continents of the world. We will be comparing 2 locations and will learn about hot and cold areas of the world.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing we will be following the Hertfordshire computing scheme and will explore information sources and how computers collect information and how this information can help us both at school and at home. We will investigate a range of hardware and software and will be learning about how to stay safe when using the internet. We will look at graphing software and will carry out investigations using sensing apps such as too noisy.</p>
Religious Education	<p>Our RE theme is belonging and how all people are part of groups and the wider community. Over the course of this theme we will look at how different faiths show belonging and groups that the children belong to. If your child wishes to bring in any club uniforms such as Rainbow Guides,</p>

	gymnastics or Brownies, they are more than welcome to.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Children will be covering a unit on 'relationships'. Children will learn what positive relationships look like and how they can be a good friend. We will explore different groups that the children belong to and how this makes them feel. We will explore how our behaviour affects other people and the differences between fair, unfair, right and wrong.
Physical Development	Over the course of the spring term the children will practise a range of skills to develop their gross motor skills. This will involve games outside, weather permitting, so please send in navy jogging bottoms or leggings for your child. We encourage the children to change as independently as possible so any practise at home is appreciated.

Voluntary contribution:

To help to cover the cost of consumables that are used in Year One, for example pasta, flour, salt, food for tasting and cooking, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per child for this term. Please return the slip at the end of this letter. Thank you.

Unwanted items:

We would appreciate any unwanted materials you may be thinking about discarding e.g. cushions, fabric, dressing up clothes, curtains etc. We would also ask you to continue to bring in any junk materials which may be used for model making e.g. empty boxes, bottle top lids, yogurt pots, tubes etc. Thank you.

Please remember:

- It is preferable that your child has wellies in school for outdoor play and walks as part of our learning
- All children need a named bottle in school for drinking water.
- Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their named P.E. kit in school, and that earrings are removed on P.E days.
- All clothing (including hats, scarves and gloves) must be named.
- Please return homework every Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support, please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any queries or questions about this term.

Year One Team

Voluntary Contribution:

Name of child _____

Please find enclosed a voluntary contribution of £ _____

Thank you