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Dear Year One Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term! We hope you have all had an enjoyable break. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

Literacy	<p>In writing, we will be looking at range traditional tales such as The Three Little Pigs. We will read different versions of the stories and look at the features of fairy tales. The children will undertake a range of writing activities around the traditional tales and will also be given opportunities for non- fiction writing through reports and explanations.</p> <p>When writing their own version of the story, children will be encouraged to use adjectives to make their writing more descriptive. The children will continue to use ‘because’ to extend their sentences and ‘and’ to join linked sentences. Children will continue to segment words, use capital letters and end punctuation such as full stops, question marks and exclamation marks</p> <p><b>Reminder:</b>        Spellings are sent home every Friday according to your child’s phonics groups. The children’s spelling is assessed through their writing. Please encourage your child to use look, say, cover, write and check. You may also wish to write or say some sentences together to put the words into context.</p> <p>Reading books are changed by the children in the mornings and can be changed on a daily basis if they have been read at home. Books will be changed regardless on a Thursday. We ask parents to continue writing a comment in their reading records. If children read at home every day and have comments written in their reading records to show this then they will be awarded a rainbow point.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this term we will continue place value and number, calculations, geometry, measurement and fractions. 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 as well as calculating using addition and subtraction. We will look at properties of 2d and 3d shapes, solve problems using money and doubling and halving. We will compare measures and recap telling the time. This week we have been looking subtraction from 20 using the knowledge we already have about subtracting from ten.</p> <p><b>Reminder:</b>        Maths homework is sent home every Friday. Mathematics tasks will also be set.</p>
Topic	<p>Our topic will be ‘Animals.’ The children will have opportunities to explore this topic across a range of subjects. Activities will include things such as testing materials to find the best one for the pigs to build their house from, researching Sir David Attenborough and Charles Darwin and of course, our trip to Paradise Wildlife Park!</p> <p><b>Reminder:</b>        Permission slips and payment are due Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p>

Computing	In computing we will be following the Hertfordshire computing scheme and will be looking at programming and creating algorithms (sets of instructions for computers to follow). The children will participate in a range of unplugged activities working on algorithms, refining, writing and debugging them before moving onto 'plugged' activities using I pads, Beebots, Chromebooks and laptops.
Religious Education	Our RE theme this term is special books. The children will be invited to bring in special books from home and we will be exploring important and special books in religion.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Children will be covering a unit on 'living in the wider world'. Children will learn how they contribute to the wider life of the school and the community. They will learn about taking responsibility for their actions and the consequences of their actions and how these affect others.
Physical Development	Games and athletics will be taught over the course of summer term and the children will practise a range of skills such as, throwing, catching, bouncing and dribbling balls, as well as using a variety of apparatus. Using these skills children will play different games and work as a team or with a partner. 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.

Please remember:

- All children need a named bottle in school for drinking water.
- Our P.E. days will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their named P.E. kit in school, and that earrings are removed on P.E days. Children will need plimsolls as we will be holding PE lessons outside this term.
- All clothing (including hats, scarves and gloves) must be named.
- Please return spelling and maths homework every Thursday.
- Out library day is Monday, please remember to send library books are sent back in to school, especially now we are nearing the end of the school year.

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