Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome to Year 1!

We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 1 and are looking forward to getting to know them, and you, over the coming year. Moving into Year 1 is an exciting stage in your child's school journey and we hope to make the transition as happy, positive and enjoyable as possible. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns at any point.

We will be using Showbie throughout the year to share information and examples of your child's learning. If you have any difficulties accessing Showbie please let us know and we will be happy to help.

We are going to begin our Year 1 learning with an exciting exploration of our oceans and the wider world. As part of our Geography learning, the children will learn to recognise and name the five oceans of the world, where we will use maps, atlases and globes to locate the oceans and develop the children's understanding of where they are situated in relation to the different continents. We will also introduce the children to the seven continents and begin to develop their understanding of how land and water are arranged across our planet. Alongside this, we will explore some of the geographical features associated with oceans and the coast, developing vocabulary such as ocean, sea, coast, beach and island.

Reading will continue to be an important part of your child's learning in Year 1. Your child will have the opportunity to read with an adult in school every two weeks and they will bring home a reading book to share with you. We strongly encourage children to read at home every day, even if this is only for a short amount of time. Regular reading makes a huge difference to children's confidence, vocabulary, comprehension and overall progress. We would also love to know about the books and other reading your child is enjoying at home. Please use your child's reading diary to record their reading so that we can celebrate and encourage their progress in school.

To add a little extra excitement, children who complete 10 days of reading at home will be able to choose a prize from our treasure box!

<u>Important Days</u>

Monday - PE

Friday - Forest School
Please send your child with wellies and spare socks. These can be kept in school.

Friday - PE

Please remember that children in Year 1 should wear activewear every day. Further information about the school uniform can be found in the school's uniform policy on our website.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and to seeing the children grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working together to make Year 1 a happy and memorable year for your child.

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