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Dear Parent/Carer,

In the interest of school/home co-operation, we feel it is vital to let parents and carers know about what their children are learning during their time in school. During this term, the children in Key Stage One will be learning many new things.

### **Year One:**

**Topic work:** we are learning about Marvellous Me.

**Maths:** we are working on our counting, to make sure we can count objects accurately and recognise all of our numbers. We are also starting to work on simple addition and subtraction.

**Literacy:** we have been sharing the story of The Enormous Crocodile to celebrate Roald Dahl Day, and will soon be sharing the story of Peace At Last. We will be writing our own stories based on this.

**P.E.:** Please remember that PE kits (white T-shirts, dark shorts, trainers and pumps) are needed in school every Tuesday and every Friday. Please encourage your child to practise dressing by themselves, especially buttons.

**Read Write Inc:** These lessons take place each morning on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child may bring home a Read Write Inc book to practise, as well as their normal reading book.

**Water bottles:** Please send a water bottle into school with your child's name on it. This is for water only, so please do not send the bottle in filled with squash or pop. Your child will need to take their water bottle home each evening so that it can be washed.

## Year Two:

**Topic work:** we are learning about Our Local Area.

**Maths:** we are working on partitioning numbers, written methods for addition and subtraction, knowing our number facts and beginning to learn our times tables.

**Literacy:** we have been sharing the story of Meerkat Mail, and will be working on sequencing, punctuation, tenses, writing postcards, planning and writing our own stories then editing and improving them.

**P.E.:** Please remember that PE kits (white T-shirts, dark shorts, trainers and pumps) are needed in school every Monday and every Friday.

## Homework:

All children in Key Stage One will receive homework each week. This will consist of a piece of Literacy and a piece of Maths. In addition, each child will have spellings that need to be practised at home, and they may also be given some sounds to work on from their Read, Write, Inc. sessions.

## Reading:

Every child in Key Stage One has a school reading book which they take home to practise reading each day. It is important for parents/carers to listen to their child read a few pages of their book on a daily basis, as short, regular practice is the best way for each child to progress in their reading.

Your child's book will not necessarily be changed after just one read; it is important that your child keeps practising their reading skills by reading familiar books as well as new books. Please make a note in their reading diaries whenever you hear them read any book at home. This could just be the date, title of the book and your name. In school, we have a Reading Challenge, which means that children can be rewarded with various prizes for reading at home, but we need the evidence in their reading diaries.

If you have any questions about what your child will be learning in Key Stage One, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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Key Stage One Phase Leader