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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back for a new term in KS1. We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Start of the Day

All children enter the school grounds and access the Upper School playground where they can play. We will begin the day with Wake Up Shake Up. Please encourage your child to join in as this prepares them for their day of learning. Children should not arrive earlier than 8:30am as there will be no adult supervision on the playground until then. After Wake up Shake Up children should line up at their designated number. When the bell is rung children should be standing ready to go into class.

- 9 – 2RD
- 10 – 2TH
- 11 – 1LR
- 12 – 1CM

Children will then be **led from the playground by their class teacher** and taken to the classroom for registration. We ask that parents/carers say goodbye to their child on the Upper School playground rather than follow the class to Lower School playground. *For site security, it is essential that no adults enter the school site at this time, or at any other, without reporting to main school Reception where a member of staff will help you.* Any child arriving after 9:00am is considered late and therefore must report to the School Office to ensure that they can be marked as present and their dinner arrangements registered. It is an official requirement to mark children arriving after close of register as late.

End of the Day

School ends at 3:15pm. All children will be escorted to the fence on Lower School playground. If for any reason you are running late to collect your child, please alert the School Office so that the class teacher can keep your child safe. *Again, it is important that you visit the main school Reception if you need to enter the school buildings, even if it is just to find a missing jumper!* If your child is being collected by a different adult to the one that normally collects them, please inform the Office or your child's teacher in advance. If we are not informed, we will be unable to release your child from the premises until we have confirmation from the usual parents/carers themselves.

Other Information

Children are encouraged to bring a **named water bottle of water**. They will have access to drinking water throughout the day to refill their bottles.

PE Clothes

Children need to have plimsolls, shorts and a House t-shirt for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor

PE. With the colder weather children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a jumper. For safety reasons, long hair must be tied back. Permitted jewellery (earring studs and watches) need to be removed for PE lessons. Please ensure PE kit is in school every day of the week.

Medication

Please ensure that your child's inhaler is in school at all times. All medication must be in its original, named packaging from the dispensing chemist. Should your child's medical circumstances change please inform us as soon as possible.

Homework in Year 1

Homework will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday.

Reading: All children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week. Please remember that a RWI book will not be sent out until it has been read three times in school. This may occur on different days of the week. RWI books must be returned after two nights at home.

Spellings: Spellings will go out on a Tuesday and then will be tested the following Monday. Please ensure that you practise with your child any words that are sent home.

Maths and Spag (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar): Sheets to be completed each week.

Homework in Year 2

Homework will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday.

Reading: All children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week. Please remember that a RWI book will not be sent out until it has been read three times in school. This may occur on different days of the week. RWI books must be returned after two nights at home.

Spellings: Spellings will go out at the beginning of the week and will be tested on the Friday. Please ensure that you practise with your child any words that are sent home.

Maths: As before children will be given a booklet of Maths and will be expected to complete an activity a week.

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar): Will be on blue paper and children to complete one activity a week.

Topic Based Activity: During the Spring term the children will be learning all about the local history, school and toys. It is expected that they will complete an activity of their choice from the sheet each week.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Class	Forest School	PE
1CM	Monday pm	Thursday
1LR	Tuesday pm	Wednesday
2RD	Wednesday pm	Monday
2TH	Thursday pm	Tuesday

Please feel free to talk to us should you have any concerns or questions about your child. If you are unable to talk to the class teacher, please telephone the School and we will get back to you as soon as is convenient.

We look forward to another successful school year.

Best wishes

KS1 Team

Elspeth Doran, Lizzy Hegarty, Sarah Radford, Alison Tripkovic, Lisa Robinson and Cath Muir

Planning Information for Parents

Work your child will be doing in Spring Term.

Year: 2017/2018

Year Group: 1 and 2

Maths

- Number: place value to 100
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Telling the Time
- Problem Solving
- Shape, Space and Measure

English

- Following the RWI programme

Science

- STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) investigations
- Animals including humans (Year 1)
- Different materials (Year 2)

Other Themes of Work

- Geography and History: naming continents, locating hot & cold areas and the animals that are associated with them, differences in climate
- DT/Art: Creating 3D maps, painting and sketching animals in their habitats, colour mixing, collage work
- PE: Gymnastics and dance
- Music: Singing & playing instruments
- RE: Creation stories
- PHSE: Ourselves & Getting on and Falling Out
- Computing: creating word documents and sending emails to friends, data handling and art on computers