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Dear Parents

We are at the end of the first full week of teaching and it has been a pleasure to meet and get to know your child better and I look forward to hearing more from them as the days go by.



We have started off this week really well with some great English work sparked by a surprise delivery to the Year One classroom. It arrived with a note saying 'Not to be opened until Thursday'! So we have had to wait a couple of days but the children came up with some fantastic ideas as to what could be inside!



Attached with this letter is a brief outline of the things we will be teaching in Year One up until the school breaks up for Christmas and a HFW (High Frequency Word) mat that we will be teaching and using in Year One that the children cannot sound out but just have to know and learn how to spell correctly. Please put it somewhere where your child can read it and practice them.



The topic this term is All about Me and Superheroes. This gives the children a real sense of importance to talk about themselves and know that each of them are very special and important and the superhero inside of them is able to help others, be kind and do their absolute best in everything they try. It is also important to learn that all superheroes have a weakness and sometimes make mistakes and that is okay too – just as long as we always try and learn from our mistakes and do better next time.

Every Friday the children will be coming home with a piece of homework that links to what they have been learning in class to be completed by the following Wednesday. Please guide and encourage them with their homework at a time that is convenient for all the family as it really helps your child to cement what learning they have done.

Each morning your child will have a chance to change their home reading book as boxes of the books will be available in the classroom. Please make sure you take home the correct 'colour' book – if you're not sure please speak to Mrs Warner-Lee.

If you have anything you want to talk to me about I am in class each morning. However if it is of a private nature or a conversation that requires more than a quick message then please arrange to meet me at an alternative time after school as then I'll be able to give you my full attention!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warner-Lee
Year 1 Class Teacher

PSHCE

- To try and settle small conflicts between my friends before asking a teacher for help.
- To understand that I need to follow all the rules in class and school so my friends and I can stay safe and happy.
- Understanding and respecting the feelings of others.

RE

- Creation – how God made the world.
- Islam
- Prayers, Feasts and Saints
- Christmas
- Sacraments

Mathematics

- Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Money
- Measures
- Counting
- Sequences
- Shapes
- Doubling and Halving
- Shape & Data

Science

- Looking at animals and how we look after them – pets at home.
- Looking at how humans are also animals
- Naming parts of the body
- Looking at the five senses
- The differences between animals
- Look at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

Music

Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes.

Play tuned and untuned instruments musically

ICT

Algorithms – following precise instructions

Children to give precise instructions & receive precise instructions - will be linked to English & Maths also

Humanities (Geography & History)

- Toys - comparing old with new & difference in materials – linking with Science.
 - Use words linking to the passing of time
 - Looking at their local area – using maps and known locations – taking walks and posting letters - linking to English.
- Make observations and plot a simple route.

English (Reading and Writing & Phonics)

- Daily phonics lessons for 30 mins
 - Daily Reading activities
- Writing
- Labels
 - Lists
 - Signs
 - Songs
 - Poems
 - Information Texts
 - Stories with familiar settings
 - Funny Rhymes

Autumn 2017 All about me & Superheroes

Art and DT

Designing & Creating a home for a class creature – looking at his needs – linking to English

Creating superhero capes of their very own – using old t-shirts

Cooking

Painting and sketching – portraits and observational drawing and expression drawings linked to RE

100 High Frequency Words

a	children	her	look	on	there
about	come	here	looked	one	they
all	could	him	made	out	this
an	dad	his	make	people	time
and	day	house	me	put	to
are	do	I	Mr	said	too
as	don't	I'm	Mrs	saw	up
asked	down	if	mum	see	very
at	for	in	my	she	was
back	from	into	no	some	we
be	get	is	not	so	went
big	go	it	now	of	were
but	got	it's	off	the	what
by	had	just	oh	their	when
called	have	like	old	them	will
came	he	little		then	with
can	help				you