Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 1. I hope your child is ready to embark upon a fun and exciting year of learning. Initially, it can be difficult for the children moving from Reception up to Key Stage One (especially after everything that has happened), so I will try my best to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible for them.

To ensure the children are prepared for the school day, please make sure they have a water bottle with their names on and all jumpers/cardigans have their names written inside, so that if lost, they can be easily returned.

Below, you will find information about what we will be looking at over the next half term.

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| **Subject** | **Information** |
| **English** | Children will be following the **Text-Based Curriculum,** using a rich core text to develop their comprehension, writing and punctuation skills. This half term we will be looking at Meerkat Mail. |
| **Maths** | This term our main teaching units will be **Numbers to 10, Ordering and Comparing Numbers.** |
| **History** | **Who was Grace Darling?** During this topic the children will be learning about Grace Darling and why it is important to remember her. The children will explore what happened during the famous rescue mission whilst also looking at what life would have been like for her. |
| **Science** | **Who Am I?** Throughout this science unit the children will firstly be naming the different parts of the human body. We will then begin to look at the different senses and which part of the body is associated with that sense. |
| **Art** | The children will experience exciting projects from our visiting artist. |
| **PSHE** | Our theme is ‘**Being me in My World’** wherewe will focus on our rights and responsibilities at school and what it means to make the right choices. |
| **PE** | Our PE day is **Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in comfortable clothes as they will be wearing them all day. Tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeve t-shirt would be appropriate. |
| **RE** | Our theme in RE is **‘What makes some places sacred’.** The children will learn about different religious and spiritual ways of life. |

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| **Year 1 Homework** | |
| **Spelling** | Initially, the children will have six spellings to learn each week. The spellings will be sent home every **Friday**. Please help your child to learn their weekly spellings and write appropriate sentences. They will be tested on them the following **Friday.** |
| **Spellodrome** | The children’s weekly spellings will be put onto Spellodrome every Friday along with common exception words and any other words that the children are finding difficult to spell. There are a variety of fun activities and games which help children to learn and consolidate their knowledge. They will each be given a card which will have their login details on. |
| **Number Bonds** | The children will also be tested on their number bonds to 10 every Friday. These will be sent home for you to monitor their achievement. |
| **Reading** | We will do our best to hear every child read every day. Therefore, please ensure they have their books in school everyday.  **Reading to your child** and enjoying texts in this way is also a very important part of developing a love for reading – which will also help their writing. The more your child reads, the better their writing will become.  Evidence of the books you read to your child can also be added to their reading journal with evidence of your child’s response to the books. This helps to build up a picture of the whole experience of books that your child enjoys each week. |
| **Project** | This half term the children are invited to create a project based on the topic **‘All about me’.** They can create their project in any way they wish. Unfortunately, they can not be brought into school, but I will set up a homework page on school spider, just like we did during lockdown, for you to post a photograph of their project which will then be discussed in class. |

Please make sure to look on our school website where you can find more information about what our class has been doing <http://www.wardleyce.co.uk/>.

If you would like to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with your child, then please ask me after school or call the office and I will call you back.

Many thanks

Ms Hoque