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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Thank you for all your help in ensuring such a smooth transition from Reception and for the wonderful family homework projects. We have an exciting year ahead to look forward to, through working together in Year 1!

Overleaf you'll find a theme overview of learning for this first half of the Autumn Term. Our main theme is 'On the Farm' and our SEAL (*Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning*) theme for PSHE (*Personal, Social, Health and Economic education*) is 'New Beginnings'.

Our PE is timetabled for Thursdays, although we ask that kits are in bags on pegs in school Monday to Friday, as we may need to swap PE times at short notice. Of course, all PE kit and clothes need to be named. We also ask that your child has a suitable water bottle at school every day. A cap or hat should also be available at school for outdoors time.

For PPA cover time our class will be working on enrichment learning activities. This will be on Monday afternoons, so please check the weekly newsletter for clothing instructions for outdoor activities. Other groups will work on music, computing and other curriculum activities.

Book bags need to be in school every day, but please hand any money to the office and notes to class staff as bags might not be checked daily. Book bags will contain a home individual reading book at a largely independent fluency level, although other books and text will be read in guided reading sessions and English too. We ask that children have the chance to read daily to someone at home and that you note reading and sign in the comments book. It is now expected that books will be read at least three times before changing. If book bags are left in the changing box, staff will do their best to change them. Spellings will usually be given weekly for learning and practising at home and we aim to check these each Friday in a test. We don't need you to return the spelling list. Our maths homework 'challenge' books will need to be handed in each Thursday please.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 staff team.

(1CE: Mrs Edmonds, Mrs Tilling and Mrs Rowsell. 1KS: Miss Stone, Mrs Cade and Mrs Gallop).

Working together for a successful future