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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We hope your children have enjoyed the first few days and are starting to feel settled. We look forward to meeting you at our 'Welcome to Year 1' meeting at 3:30pm on Thursday 19th September in Turtles' Classroom. If you are unable to attend this meeting please let us know and we will send the information and resources home with your children. This letter contains some key information regarding this school year for your child.

Support at home

Reading – The children have all be given a reading record. They will need to make sure they bring this to school each day. Reading is so important to furthering all aspects of your child's education; we ask that you listen to your child read a few pages each night and record it in the reading record. This will be checked by the teacher or teaching assistant and their school reading books will be changed regularly. During reading sessions in school, we will be focussing on checking your children's comprehension skills by asking questions related to the book.

Phonics – We will provide information and resources for this at our Year 1 information afternoon.

Handwriting – We will be teaching the children to write in cursive script this year and we would welcome any opportunities for children to practise this at home. We will provide more information and resources for this at our Year 1 information afternoon.

Other Information

PE Kit

Please ensure that your children have full P.E kits. It is essential that they have a pair of trainers or plimsolls for use outside.

Communication

Please feel free to communicate with any member of the Year 1 team through one of the following ways:

- A note in the reading record
- An addressed letter
- An email
- A meeting arranged through the school office or class teacher

While we endeavour to look at and respond to messages regularly, due to the nature of our jobs we are not always able to check these in our teaching hours. Any important messages should be sent to the school office.

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Your child's teacher will usually be available after school during dismissal at the classroom door for quick conversations (please wait until all of the children have left with their parents/carers before approaching as we need to concentrate on making sure all of the children have gone safely). Often teachers are running clubs or have meetings scheduled so if longer conversations are required, please arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time through the school office.

Class Dojo

This year we will continue to use Class Dojo. Within the classroom the children can earn 'dojo' awards – which they find very exciting! A feature you may enjoy is the 'Class Story' – where teachers can post on photos/videos of learning in action for you to enjoy.



Helping in school

We welcome any offers of help in school – be it weekly, fortnightly or once in a while! If you are able to help please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable slot.

We are very much looking forward to working with you to make your child's experience in Year 1 a rewarding and successful one.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Stokes and Victoria Mogridge

(Turtles Class) (Seahorses Class)

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