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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Donaldson class – Year 1!

Year 1 is a wonderful year, following on from the foundations built on in Reception class. Your child will continue to learn becoming more independent throughout this year and build up stamina for concentrating for longer periods of time - not to mention all the new skills and fascinating facts they will learn!

Year 1 is taught by Mrs Jorgensen on a Monday - Wednesday and a Friday and Mrs Nash on a Thursday. The class are supported by Mrs Gregory, Mrs Barnwell and Miss Carr. We are very excited to be teaching your child for the next step of their educational journey and look forward to continuing an excellent home - school partnership with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

This is the year when your child will undertake their phonics screening check. Up until June, they will continue to learn and consolidate all of their phonic knowledge learned so far in preparation for this. The children will read regularly at school, either in groups or individually, practising word decoding and simple comprehension skills. Reading for 10 minutes a day at home will improve their access to all areas of the curriculum because fluent reading is the key to everything. Through this year you will find that your child's conversations about books will develop as they learn to discuss characters, settings and interesting vocabulary in their reading. We will send home reading books every Friday. Ideally, each book should be read at least twice to help consolidate new vocabulary and build fluency.

Each week, your child will receive spellings to practice and maths homework to complete through their homework book. The homework book must be returned to school on a Tuesday and will come back home, marked and replenished with new work on a Thursday. We will have a spelling test every Thursday to check your child's progress. This will be completed in the back of their homework books so you will be able to see if your child needs to continue to practise any words. We are striving for children to become confident spellers who apply their knowledge in to all areas of writing.

Your child needs to bring a water bottle into school every day; this should be filled with water only. Even during the colder months, it is important that the children keep hydrated throughout the day. A healthy snack will be provided by the school at break time. Our PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please can children come ready dressed in their PE kit on these days with their school jumper or cardigan over the top and feel free to wear dark jogging bottoms as the weather gets colder.

We will be holding parent information meeting on Tuesday 19th September at 5:15pm and look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes,

The Year 1 Team



