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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We have had a fantastic first week where everyone has settled in really nicely and we have hit the road running with lots of amazing learning too.

In Year 1 the children follow the Key-stage One element of the National Curriculum, which is different from the EYFS curriculum. There will be an element of transition as there will be alternative provision available until the class are ready to fully move on. I feel this is especially important for this class as they have missed some time in Reception due to Covid-19. A long term plan of what they will be learning about will be available on the Website and I am happy to discuss this with you.

I have included a Year 1 fact sheet for all the useful information, which you may need throughout the year. However, I have included a little more detail about reading in Year 1 due to a greater emphasis on reading throughout the school.

Reading

The Government have recently published a new reading framework, which means we are altering how we approach certain elements of reading within the school. As a school there will be a big push on reading for enjoyment and we have ordered more books to support this. There is also more focus on developing fluency at the early stages of reading, before moving fully into comprehension and understanding. As such, up to and including book band Yellow, we are expecting children to read the book at least three times to be able to read it ‘at a glance.’ This means they should be blending less by the time they read it a third time. In addition to a book band book, the children will also be bringing a book of their choice home. This is a book to share with someone within their household and it is to promote a love of reading and to develop discussions around books. It does not have to be read by the child, it can be read by the adult they are sharing it with. I will ensure reading diaries are checked every day so please tell us if you feel either book needs changing.

If you require any clarification or information, please do come and see me. Alternatively you can contact me through email: jrussell@holyredeemer.worcs.sch.uk. I look forward to working with you, and especially your child, this year.

Many thanks

Miss Russell

YEAR 1 2021-2022

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adults in Class</u></p> <p>Miss Russell – Class Teacher Mrs McLean – Teaching Assistant Mrs Stewart – Teaching Assistant Mrs Annis – PE Teacher Mrs Porter – PE Teaching Assistant Mrs Hazleton – Music Teacher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Time Table</u></p> <p>PE is Monday mornings.</p> <p>Forest School is after October half term until Christmas, after February half term until Easter, and the last half term in the Summer. It will be on Thursday afternoons.</p> <p>Marvellous Me is on Friday afternoons</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Uniform and PE Kits</u></p> <p>Please ensure it is labelled and PE kits are kept in school.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water, snack and lunch</u></p> <p>Water are bottles with water in are welcomed in class.</p> <p>We do provide a piece of fruit daily, but if you would like to provide a healthy snack for your child, that is ok too.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Marvellous Me</u></p> <p>To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Something special• Favourite book	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework and Un-homework</u></p> <p>Homework: Handed out Wednesday Hand in day is Monday</p> <p>Un-homework: Will occur half termly.</p>
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