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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support in getting Year 1 off to such a good start. We have been very impressed with how all the children have settled into the routines and life in Year 1!

Thank you for dropping off promptly in the mornings, this has helped the children to settle in with their friends and have enough time to try an activity and pick their lunch choice. Please ensure your child is in the classroom by 9:10am at the latest, to ensure their lunch option is sent to the kitchen in time. A few children are getting a little muddled with what is a snack, and what is a lunch box. It would really help if they are reminded in the morning if they have a home packed lunch or not to avoid confusion with the orders.

Alongside this letter you will find our Year 1 Term 1 Curriculum map. You will receive a new map every term, outlining the story of the term and what we will be learning across the curriculum. Our story this term is **My Heart is a Compass**. We will be using our story to enhance our speech and language skills and explore maps and directions!

Now the children are beginning to settle into Year 1 life, we have begun our daily Guided Reading sessions, during which your child will be given a reading book/phonics activity and diary to take home and share with you. The diary is for both the adults in school and yourselves to write in. It may take a few guided reading sessions for the children to receive a book that challenges them appropriately, as to begin with we are working on building confidence reading to a teacher again. The children will read to their teacher **once a week** and their book will be changed weekly. If you find that your child completes their book before their reading day, please continue to ask the comprehension questions, practise the speed words and encourage them to read words around the house. They may also read with other adults during the week. Please feel free to read other books, poems, comics that your child enjoys alongside these. We believe it is vital at this early age that children foster a love of reading and find enjoyment in reading and being read to. Please ensure that your child brings in their Guided Reading book and reading diary on their reading day (these will be displayed in the classroom windows).

PE will take place once a week, on **Tuesdays (Willow)** and **Wednesdays (Chestnut)**. PE clothes (e.g. shorts, T-shirt) are advised but not compulsory. A spare set of clothes is always useful!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, we are looking forward to getting to know you all!

Best wishes,

The Year 1 Team

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