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NO
FULL STOP
TO LEARNING**

YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. We are all looking forward to continuing to support the children to grow and develop as independent learners. Here is what Year 1 will be focusing on this term. Our new topic is 'Light and dark'. Please see the attached curriculum information sheet for further details about what the children will be learning this term. Nicola Curran will continue to cover the class every Thursday for PE and Spanish. They will also be having their second PE session with Ms Androskova on Friday mornings so please make sure that they have the correct PE kit on both of these days.

Reading

In Year 1, children will continue to be heard reading at least twice a week, once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and once with a teaching assistant. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis. This makes more difference than anything else to the progress the children make with reading. If your child is at the early stages of learning to read, you should read the school reading scheme book to your child before listening to them read it back and read the same book over and over again until it is changed at school.

Home Learning

We have sent home phonics and maths practice books. One page a day of these would be great in order for the children to practice their skills.

In addition to this, children can bring their family maths books in at the end of each half term. Please bring these in for last half term if you haven't managed to get around to it already.

I will also be sending home the sounds we are focusing on in our phonics lessons so that you can practice these at home if you wish. The sheet also contains a list of the words we are learning to read and spell that do not conform to phonetic rules. I have been amazed at the progress the children have made with their writing so far in Year 1 and I thank you for all of your support with this.

In case of any disruption to schooling due to self-isolation etc., I continue to put home learning videos and activities on purple mash every week. If your child is forced to stay at home and they are well enough to do so, please take a look at the learning here. We will be moving over to Google Classroom in the event of schools closing during lock down so please do look out for login details which we will be sending home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to ask any questions or to discuss anything.

**Kind regards,
Jess, Tsimba & Rose**