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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' event. For those who were unable to make it, please read the following important information.

Meet the Team:

In Rabbits' class the class teachers are Miss Owens (Monday) and Miss Muirhead-Smith (Tue-Fri).

In Foxes' class the teacher is Mrs Goad. Across both classes the learning support staff are Mrs Gogulska, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Morley, Mrs Taylor-Roberts and Mrs Zandecka. Miss Owens will work across the Year 1 Team.

Homework:

We will be using Seesaw for all our home learning. Login details for the Seesaw and Numbots apps will be sent home. Please alert a member of staff should you have difficulties logging in or uploading tasks so that alternative arrangements can be discussed. The homework menu consists of 3 tasks to be completed weekly and several additional tasks to choose from across a half term, linked to our learning experiences.

Reading:

Reading will continue to form a key part of the children's home learning and is completed in line with the Read Write Inc programme we follow as a school. RWI books will be sent home with your child once group routines have been established. Your child is expected to read with someone five times a week, and this should be recorded in the Reading Log Book. It is important that these are enjoyed at home, kept safe and returned to school when requested to ensure a plentiful stock for all to enjoy. Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Books will be changed on a Friday; however, some groups may keep their book for a fortnight. Your child will bring home a 'Star Reader' book to enjoy, which is intended to be read aloud to them by an adult.

PE:

In Year 1, our weekly PE sessions are on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. The children should continue to come to school on both of these days dressed in their PE kit. This should consist of: dark blue or black shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms of the same colour, trainers or plimsolls, a plain white t-shirt (with or without the school logo), over which children should continue to wear their usual school jumper or cardigan. Please note that they will be outside on Fridays, so plain black/dark blue tracksuit bottoms would be advisable on colder days.

It is wonderful to see the children back in school, ready and eager to learn, looking particularly smart in their uniforms. Please remember that if they need to wear trainers, they should be entirely black (including the soles) and without logos. In addition (and in line with our school uniform policy), children are asked to refrain from wearing nail polish and jewellery (aside from simple studs as earrings) and children with hair longer than shoulder length should keep it tied back to help avoid the spread of head lice.

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Snacks and water bottles

As a committed healthy school, any snacks that children bring in for morning play should be healthy (for example, fresh fruit, or plain biscuits/cereal bars – without chocolate coatings or nuts). Drinks bottles should **only** contain water, which is refillable throughout the day.

The Year 1 Team are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Year 1 Team

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