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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! We are very excited about the first topic for our autumn term: the children will be learning all about their five senses, as well as learning about how they have changed, grown and developed from when they were born. They will get the opportunity to think of, and ask, questions about a new baby (and a new parent!).

MAIN LEARNING THEME - Pixar's *The Incredibles*.

This term we will be focussing on the theme of *The Incredibles*, which will teach the children all about themselves and their senses. The children will be exploring activities through the subjects of art, science, history and music. These activities will be designed to build on the practical, hands on experiences the children have had in the foundation stage, and will further their knowledge, understanding and skills.

On **Friday 13th September**, we would love for the children to come to school dressed as a character. As our theme is linked to *The Incredibles*, we felt that it would be lovely for the children to come dressed as somebody that they think is incredible. As an example, they may choose a famous person who is incredible at their job i.e. an athlete/footballer, or it may be simply a family member that they admire for the job that they do i.e. fireman, nurse etc. The day will then centre around activities about the person that they have chosen. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

LEARNING SKILLS

This term focuses on 'Learning with others'.

In Year 1, we will be working towards the following 'I can...' statements:

- *I can listen to others speaking and ask simple and appropriate questions.*
- *I can use a variety of phrases to promote cooperation in the group, "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Can I", etc...*
- *I can put objects and materials away when I finish an activity without being asked.*
- *I can say what some of the class rules are and what I have to do to keep to them.*

NUMERACY

We will be building on the counting and number skills that the children have developed in the foundation stage. We will continue to use Numicon to support the children, and we will begin to introduce the National Numeracy Framework through block units. The first of these for this term will be Block A1: Counting, partitioning and calculating.

LITERACY

The children will continue to be taught through the 'Read, Write, Inc.' programme, which focuses on their blending skills, as well as reading books for meaning. Children who have progressed beyond 'Read, Write, Inc.' will be working from the Literacy Framework. This will teach them further skills for reading and comprehension.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).



HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a weekly activity in their Learning Logs, this will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, there will be key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework set.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. Can you please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half –term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better!

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 reading book which they can share with you at home and any comments recorded in the Reading Record. This will be changed weekly. Year 1 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. Each week, your child will also participate in Guided Reading where they will have the chance to join in with plenty of book talk.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and tell will be on a Friday each week. If the children do bring an item in, it is preferable that this either be related to the topic, or an exciting event/achievement.

TOPIC VOCABULARY

Please discuss the attached vocabulary with your child. We will be using these words during our topic, and they will be displayed on the word wall in the classroom.

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