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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled into life in year one really well, and we have very much enjoyed our first term together. Thank you for continuing to support your child at home by completing home learning and sending in the red reading record every day. A reminder that the children change their library and reading books on a Tuesday morning, so please ensure that if your child needs to change their books, they bring them into school every Tuesday.

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME** – Into the Forest

Next term we will be focussing on the theme of *Into the forest*, which will teach the children all about traditional tales. The children will have lots of opportunities to develop their speaking and listening skills, as well as participating in drama and role-play. We are hoping to visit Cuckoo's Hollow as a real-life experience for re-telling the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. We shall walk to Cuckoo's Hollow on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013**. With this in mind, we would like your child to dress up as one of the characters from this story, so that they are able to participate in the role-play effectively. This could be Little Red Riding Hood, the wolf, the woodcutter, the grandmother, or Little Red Riding Hood's mother. We will send a letter with further details after the half term break.

We will also be thinking about Christmas towards the end of next term, and we will be presenting our Christmas performance with year 2 at **9:15am on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**.

### **LEARNING SKILLS**

Next term focuses on 'Developing Independence and Responsibility'.

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

- *I can offer reasons for why I feel that something is right or something is wrong.*
- *I can identify ways of making unfair situations fairer.*
- *I can undertake a short activity independently when given instructions.*
- *I can ask and answer simple questions to help me understand.*

### **NUMERACY**

Next term we will be continuing to develop the children's calculating skills, and knowledge of numbers. We will use Numicon to support the children, and we will use the National Numeracy Framework through block units to develop the children's numeracy knowledge. The first of these for this term will be Block C1: Handling Data and Measures. The second will be Block D1: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape.

### **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.

The children will also be reading and re-telling traditional tales (*Hansel and Gretel*, *The Gingerbread Man* and *Little Red Riding Hood*), linked to the woods or forest as a setting.

### **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 to do with the learning theme 'Into the Forest', 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 one reading book which they can share with you at home and any comments recorded in the Reading Record. This will be changed weekly on a **Tuesday**. 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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