

7 November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have enjoyed the holidays and the children are refreshed for the exciting half term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the children's first half term in Year 1.

Please find attached a copy of this half terms overview. If the children have anything they would like to bring in to school to support their learning please don't hesitate to let them do so.

Reading books

Children will continue to have the opportunity to change their reading books on a daily basis. Please can you continue to remind children to put their books in the swap box when they need changing. Your child's bookmark needs to be marked with a smiley face or a tick every time they read, not every time they complete a book. This is the only indication we need and when the children's bookmarks are full they will receive a certificate in assembly. Please leave the rectangles on the back of the bookmark blank for school use.

Homework

As we feel the children have now settled into the structure of Year 1 we will now give the children homework every Friday and this should be returned the following Thursday. Homework will be Literacy or Maths based and will support children's current learning in the classroom.

Home Bear

As part of the Geography curriculum the children need to be aware of the weather and climate around the world. To support their learning in this, we have a flat bear that the children can take on holiday with them. If you are going away and would like to take this with you please come and see a member of staff and we will provide you with a bear.

PE

Children will continue to participate in 2 hours of PE per week. Due to the time of year, please can you ensure children have an indoor and suitable outdoor PE kit. This should consist of a warm jumper, tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt, socks and suitable footwear. All children should have a pair of indoor shoes and these will be worn for indoor PE. Can you please ensure your child's PE kit is labelled as we had a number of unlabelled items last half term. Please send in your child's PE kits as soon as possible.

Uniform

Please could you check that all items of uniform are still clearly labelled. The children will be responsible for their own belongings at all times and anything of value should not be brought into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

As always, if you have any problems or queries we are available before and after school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Manners and Miss Clarkson