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Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Learning in Year 1

The attached page outlines some of the learning that will be taking place in our classroom this half term. Please help support your child by talking to them about what they are learning about in school. If you have any additional resources such as books or artefacts that may be used within the classroom to enrich the children's learning we would be most grateful. Please speak to your child's class teacher about these, thank you.

Your child will need

Each day your child will need to bring in their reading book, reading diary and a named water bottle. If they would like their own snack to eat during morning play, then they may bring in a piece of fruit, only. There will be school fruit available.

PE Days and Forest school

PE will be outside on a Tuesday and inside on a Thursday.

Children will need black/navy shorts and a white round necked t-shirt (all named) in a named bag which will stay on their peg for the half term.

Tuesday will continue to be our Forest school day and we would like the children to continue coming to school dressed in their forest school clothes. Wellies can either stay on their peg or come into school weekly (please ensure that your child has a separate pair of shoes NOT wellies to wear around school).

Supporting your child at home

Year 1 has a huge focus on reading and we encourage all children to read at home as much as possible. We also ask parents to support children in the learning of weekly spellings. New spellings will be set and sent home on a Monday, to be tested on the following Monday. The children continue to enjoy practising their maths and collecting their certificates through Numbots.

Miss C Hale
Year 1 Class Teacher



Our Topic this Half Term is 'Africa'



In English we will be learning how to write instructions and reading and writing about The Ugly Five, Billy's Bucket and Meerkat Mail.

In Mathematics we will be learning about, 3D shape, place value, addition and subtraction within 20, grouping and sharing, time to the hour and fractions.

In Science we will be learning about planting, seasonal changes and animal grouping and classification. We will also complete a number of simple experiments.

In Religious Education we are learning about Jesus and his Disciples through Gospel teaching and The Christian Creation Story.

In Physical Education we will be developing our defending and attacking skills through playing different games during our outside P.E. lessons.

In our Topic we will be learning all about Africa, African Art and Geographical features of Africa; particularly focusing on Map Work.

In Computing we will become 'Data Inputters', we will be practising our key board skills. Including typing, moving and changing texts and creating text pages.