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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely, restful summer holidays. We are so pleased to have the children back in school and we are enjoying listening to their wonderful tales about their summer breaks.

Please see below for the following expectations for homework in Years 1 & 2:

Year 1

- Children should be reading at home 5 times a week and parental comments made in the children's reading records. Reading certificates are awarded for every 30 times the children read at home.
- Reading books are changed weekly on a Wednesday. Children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book to enjoy a grown up reading to them.
- Phonics - New sounds are sent out fortnightly and High Frequency Words are sent home as flash cards, when they are taught. Please practise reading these with your child frequently.
- Children should be completing 5 minutes on the Numbots app, at least three times a week (more details to follow).
- After October half term, a paper copy of a Maths activity will be sent home in a folder each Friday. This should be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

Year 2

- Children should be reading at home 5 times a week and parental comments made in the children's reading records. Reading certificates are awarded for every 30 times the children read at home.
- Reading books are changed weekly on a Wednesday. Children will also continue to bring home a reading for pleasure book to enjoy (if reading a chapter book, children may wish to keep this for longer than a week).
- A paper copy of a Maths activity will be sent home in a folder on a Friday. This should be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.
- Children should be completing 5 minutes on TT Rockstars, at least five times a week (more details to follow).

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Please do continue to use Tapestry as a way of communicating with your child's class teacher. They will also be giving you weekly updates about the fun and learning activities that have been happening in school.

To aid with transitions and congestion in the mornings the Key Stage 1 teachers would be grateful if you could drop your children off at the top of the Key Stage 1 path allowing your child to independently walk down to their classrooms. Please pass on any messages you have for your child's class teacher either via Tapestry or to one of the teachers who are out welcoming the children in.

The Key Stage 1 team look forward to working with you this year, and we really hope that by working together, we can support your child to fully grow and flourish. Should you have any questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, however, I am very happy to help if I can.

Kind regards,

Mrs Turner
Key Stage 1 Lead/Vice Principal