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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. The children have settled well into their classes and we are all looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that this term holds.

This half term our learning journey is 'Hello, I'm new here'. We will be learning about our local area and making guidebooks for a family who are new to Exeter. We would like to thank everyone who has sent the children letters and helped them to write their own to us. We will research how letters are sent by setting up our own St Nicholas postbox and the children will have the opportunity to sort and deliver letters to their classmates.

Please find a curriculum map overleaf which outlines more about what your child will be learning this term.

Useful Information

PE

P.E this term will be outside so please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school for their sessions including appropriate footwear. As the weather turns colder you may wish to include warmer clothes for your child to wear during these sessions e.g. tracksuit bottoms. A text message will be sent home each time a child does not have the appropriate kit. If children don't have the correct kit, unfortunately they won't be able to take part for health and safety reasons.

Dartmouth: Tuesday and Wednesday

Okehampton: Tuesday and Wednesday

Lydford: Tuesday and Thursday

Homework

Reading: Reading is one of the most important skills that your child will learn at school. To become a fluent reader, they will need to practise their reading every day at home. Just reading one page each night will make a massive difference over time. Please support your child to tick the reading chart in their classroom each morning to let us know that they have read the night before. The chart will enable us to encourage the children to read every day.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home each Friday and the children will be tested on the following Wednesday. Please read the attached letter which explains our Spelling Stars programme.

Maths: Maths homework will be sent each Friday via Parentmail. We will suggest maths games for you to play with your child that will support their class learning.



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Reading books

Year 1 children will continue with the book bands they received last year. If you feel like your child needs to move up a book band, please talk to your child's teacher so that they can check and assess. Please record what your child has read in their Reading Journal.

Year 2 children have been assessed for Accelerated Reader so they have access to the library books and the quizzes on the tablets. The children have received a personalised reading range that relates to the level of book that they can take out from the library. After reading the books at home, the children can take a quiz on a tablet to test their knowledge and understanding of the book they have read.

With best wishes,

The Key Stage One Team

Mrs Walmsley, Mrs Carnell-Groves, Mr Lambert and Miss Williams