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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1

We have been delighted with the way the Year 1 children have settled into the new term. We have adapted our provision to help with transition and ensure the children still have opportunities to learn through play. They have demonstrated a positive attitude towards their learning and are displaying a growing independence and responsibility in all aspects of their school life.

Topics for the term

	Geography and	Science	English	Educational
	History			Visits
	My School and Me	The human body	Narrative – traditional tales:	Walk around the
	Exploring our local	including using our	The Three Little Pigs	local area
	area; looking at	senses and keeping	Little Red Riding Hood	
	maps and plans	fit and healthy	The Gingerbread Man	
Autumn	Life when our	Changing seasons -	If all the world were by	
Term	grandparents were	autumn	Joseph Coelho	
	children			
	My Island Home	Changing seasons –	Narrative – traditional tales:	In school:
	Exploring the	autumn and winter	Jack and the Beanstalk	Pied Piper
	geography of the	Weather	The Jolly Postman stories	Theatre
	UK; looking at maps	investigations	How to Catch Santa by Alex	Company
	and atlases	Exploring with our	Reagan	
		senses	Poetry – Poems to Perform	

Our classrooms

Phoenix class

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Draco class

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Daily Timetable

The structure and learning in year 1 is slightly different from that of Reception and the children have been busy learning the new routines. Each day, in addition to literacy and maths lessons, we will have a phonics lesson, a guided reading session and either science or a foundation subject in the afternoon. We have ensured that there are still opportunities for the children to explore their learning through play and complete group work activities with an adult. We will upload a basic timetable onto SeeSaw for you to see what we do everyday, but please understand that this may change.

Outside learning

We are lucky enough to have a fantastic outdoor learning environment at Loseley Fields and use this space as part of our learning environment on a regular basis (especially our science lessons). Please could you provide a pair of wellington boots for your child to keep in school. This will allow them to explore the school field in all seasons. Please also ensure that your child has a coat with a hood in school everyday for the colder days.

Phonics

The children all have daily phonics lessons where they learn to recognise and apply the various phonemes in the English language. You can help your child recognise these individual sounds based on the sound or sounds in their reading books. Your child's login details for Bug Club will be attached to their reading record. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unsure how to access this.

In June, all year 1 children are tested in their use and understanding of phonics. This takes the form of reading both real words and non-words to check whether they are able to use the different phonemes in their reading. This check is undertaken by a member of the reading team in a relaxed setting and the children themselves are not aware that they are being tested. The results of this check are reported in your child's end of year report.

<u>Please note that the Year 1 Phonics Check is a national statutory test set by the government which all Year 1 children must take.</u>

Homework

Your child is expected to read to you every day. This does not need to be a whole book, it could be half the book one night and the rest the following night. Please fill in their reading record when you hear them read, this doesn't need to be a long comment it can just be signed. The children should read a range of books, including non-fiction, poems and books from home. Books will be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays, they will need to read this book 3 times before it is changed.

Homework will be given out every half term and will consist of a grid of tasks and activities linked to the children's current learning. There will be 15 tasks to choose from which are

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then divided into 5 areas. Please help your child choose a minimum of 1 task from each area so that they complete at least 5 tasks over the half term. Homework is due back in the last week of each half-term uploaded to SeeSaw.

Maths

Mental arithmetic is of great importance, with a particular emphasis in year 1 on counting up to 100 in different ways, both forwards and backwards. Please help your child by counting as part of daily routines – in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Other home learning activities that you can help your child with are those that form part of day-to-day activities, e.g. counting coins and using money, telling the time, measuring using different equipment, spotting patterns and shapes around them, and so on.

Educational Trips

Trips are always a highlight for both pupils and staff. In year 1 these are linked to our science and topic learning each term. We go complete a walk around the local area in Autumn term and we go to Marwell Zoo in Spring. We are aware of the importance of giving parents as much notice as possible and will keep you informed about these.

Uniform

The children have started the year looking very smart and your help with this is appreciated. Please remember that jewellery (apart from plain studs) is not allowed in school and shoes should be appropriate for the school environment. Hair gel and closely shaven hair is not permitted along with hair pieces. Mid-length and long hair must be tied back at all times. No sweets or fizzy drinks are permitted in school. Children are provided with fruit at break times as a snack and are encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

PΕ

We have PE twice a week, currently on Wednesday and Thursday. **Earrings must be removed** by a parent/carer before school. Some of these lessons will take place outside. Please provide your child with a tracksuit for these lessons, or a pair of long PE trousers to wear with their school jumpers in the colder weather. These should be plain and labelled. For girls wearing tights, it is helpful to have an additional pair of socks in their PE bags to wear with their plimsolls or trainers. P.E. kits are kept in school until half term. Please ensure everything is clearly labelled.

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Communication

We will continue to use Seesaw in Year 1, so please make sure you still have access to your account and regularly check it for any Year 1 messages or home learning. We also love seeing what learning the children get up to outside of school, so please upload any pictures. As a school, we are now using **MCAS App (My child at School)** to communicate school wide information. Please can you make sure you have access to this portal. If you have any issues, please speak to the office staff who will happily assist you.

Please can we also remind all parents and carers that Loseley Fields is a nut free school.

We are extremely excited for all the learning we will be exploring with your child and we can't wait to be a part of their learning journey in Year 1.

If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to come and see us or email on info@loseleyfields.surrey.sch.uk and your queries will be passed on to your child's class teacher promptly.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Trigo, Mrs Key & Mrs O'Hanlon Year 1 Teachers

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