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Dear Year 1,



I am very much looking forward to working with you in Year 1. We are going to have so much fun in our new classroom with our learning. Our first topic is called '**Dinosaur Planet**'.

In RE we will be exploring three topics in the Advent term, 'Families' 'Belonging' and 'Waiting'. Further information for each of the topics will follow at the beginning of each unit.



In English, we will be learning through two books called **The Lonely Beast** and **No Dinner**. To help and support with reading and writing at home each week you will come home with spellings, it would be great for parents to help you practice these each night. You will also have your weekly reading book and phonics books to read too.

In Maths, we will be covering: Number and place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, measurement (length and height), multiplication and division, position and direction and fractions. Each week you will bring home a piece of homework covering the learning we have been doing in the classroom. This will be given to you on a Friday.



In Science, we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will be able to identify, classify and name different types of animals. In addition, we will be looking at dinosaur skeletons and comparing them with reptile skeletons!

In Computing, we will be learning how to log onto the iPad and computers independently. We will explore online safety, grouping and sorting and pictograms. We will be making our own dinosaur movies, presentations and programming dino-beebots!



Our Music topics are called 'Hey you!' 'Rhythm' in the way we walk and 'Banana Rap!' We are looking forward to exploring lots of percussion instruments during the unit.



In History, we will be learning about Mary Anning and her amazing discoveries and about how the dinosaurs became extinct. In Geography, we will be learning about locating continents and oceans and the weather.

As part of our Art and design and technology learning, we are going to be making our own life size models of dinosaurs for our very own dinosaur museum! Please could you collect any cardboard recycling to bring in to help us with our creations!

Our PSHE topic is 'Being me in my world' and 'celebrating differences'.

Our PE days will be on **Tuesday and Thursday** and this term we will be learning about footwork and co-ordination in our topic 'The birthday bike surprise'. Balance in our unit 'Pirate pranks'. Jumping and landing in the unit 'Journey to the planet' and in our final unit 'Monkey Business' we are learning about seated static balance. We look forward to using the skills we learn and develop in a range of team games. **Children should wear their PE kits to school on both PE days.**



Thank you in advance to all the parents for your continued help and support. I am always happy to speak with you about your child and their progress. The end of the day can be busy, so I may need to call you later in the day.

From Mr Wilson