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Information for Year 1 Parents

In Year 1 the children begin to follow the Primary Curriculum and so a much greater emphasis is placed on whole class structured lessons. You may find that your child is very tired by the end of the school day as it will take time to adjust to this new routine.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Partner meetings later this term (see separate flyer). This will be a great opportunity to experience the curriculum first hand and learn more about its context and teaching strategies.

Responsibilities

We encourage the children to become independent learners, for example to choose resources from around the classroom to support their learning. They will change their own reading for pleasure books and be given some verbal homework and messages to carry from home to school. Homework sheets will be sent home in the homework books on Fridays.

You can help in the following ways:

- please encourage your child to walk into their classroom on their own unless you have a message for the class teacher;
- please ensure your child has a pair of named, wellington boots in school;
- by encouraging your children to take responsibility for their own belongings, this includes their book bag; we do not go through book bags so please ask them to hand in letters and homework.

The children will need a named P.E. kit (shorts, t-shirt, track suit and trainers) and book bag in school at all times. The children take part in PE and games activities inside and outside



and unfortunately, due to Health and Safety regulations, they will not be able to take part if they do not have their PE kit in school. All items of clothing must be named. Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves – less time changing leads to more time actively taking part in the lesson.

Field Maple: PE day – Weds or Thurs

Willow: PE day – Weds or Thurs

English

- The children will bring their book bags home each night with a Reading Scheme book, and Reading Contact book inside. Please comment in this book or initial if you have no comments – relatives including siblings are also encouraged to write in it when applicable. The children will be heard read on a regular basis. **The book bag with Reading Scheme book and Reading Contact book in it must be brought into school each day.** Each classroom also has a set of 'reading for pleasure' books which the children will be able to select by themselves; before they take a new book they need to return their previous one. Please try to listen to your child read every day as this will help them to become confident, enthusiastic readers.

Diaries

Every week a child in Class Field Maple will be chosen to take home "Woof" and his diary, and in Class Willow "Biscuit" and his diary, for the week. Please would you assist your child in writing an account of his/her time with "Biscuit" or "Woof". It would be lovely to include illustrations, photographs, maps and leaflets.

Maths

Please help your child by talking about numbers they see in their environment, recognising numbers, counting and finding ways of making 10. Do have fun with numbers.

Show and Tell

Unfortunately, due to the structured curriculum in Year 1, there is not an allocated timetable slot for this. However, throughout the year there will be opportunities for children to bring in items relating to specific topics and we will let you know in advance of these occasions. Please do not allow children to bring in toys.

Website

Please check your class 'post it' on the website regularly for information www.goldfield.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable time in Year 1.

Mrs Moreton, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Cowan and Mrs Bryan

The Year 1 Team