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Term 1 Wales Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. It has been really lovely welcoming the children into Wales class and we know that they will have a fantastic year. This term our gem is Ruby and we will be focussing on respect.

Our new Curious Curriculum is The World Around us and our enquiry questions for Term 1 are: 'What is a community?' 'Why do maps have symbols?' 'Does my local area look the same?' 'How could we improve the environment in our local area?' This will enhance our geographical and scientific skills. Our Key Text is 'Tidy' written by Emily Gravett and our learning will be centred round this. We will be writing a range of different text types including part of a narrative and a non-chronological report about foxes focussing on simple sentences and accurate punctuation. In maths, we will be focussing on place value. In addition, we will be consolidating number bonds and number facts. Mrs Trigg or Mrs Lacy will be supporting our class this year and providing PPA cover every Monday afternoon.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are in Year 1 if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on a Tuesday and Friday. PE kits will be sent home each term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

Outside Learning:

As part of our Curious Curriculum all pupils will be learning outside in our fantastic school grounds. In order that pupils can learn and play outside in lessons, at break and lunchtimes and in all types of weather please send into school named wellies and waterproofs that can stay in school.

Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily and reading books will be changed on a Friday unless I am made aware of a change prior to this. Remember that each book should be read three times to help the child build fluency.



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Morning Snacks and Drinks:

If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Mrs Day

Class teacher