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Dear Parents/Carers

They say that time flies when you are having fun; well this term must have been super fun as it really has flown by so quickly!

I thought that this would be a good opportunity to reshare some of the information that was distributed at the beginning of the academic year. Now that your child has settled into the routines and expectations of Year 1, I am hoping that this reminder of the information is helpful.

Our aim is to ensure the transition between the children's Reception Year and Year 1 is smooth; our timetable mirrors that of Reception at the start of Year 1 and the children have plenty of opportunities to play and to cement and build new friendships. The Year 1 team works hard to get to know each and every child, so that they feel safe and happy when coming to school. The children are becoming increasingly independent and it is wonderful to see them developing emotionally and socially as well as academically.

At the beginning of the school year we shared a booklet which provides the expected standards within Reading, Writing and Maths that each child will aim to achieve by the end of year 1. I have attached it again in this ping. It is important to remember that these expectations are for the end of the academic year and that every child is different.

Year 1 Homework consists of the following:

- Regularly reading at home (either the colour banded book your child brings home or on [Oxford Owl](#)). Please record this in your child's Yellow Reading and Communication book which will be collected each Friday. If you have an urgent message that you need the teacher to read before this weekly check, please ask your child to hand their book in to the class teacher or send a message via the office.
- Each Friday your child will receive phonics homework; this is a short task where they can practise spotting and blending the special friends we have learnt that week. This does not need to be handed back in and the answers will be posted each week on Facebook.
- On the other side of the phonics homework you will find a maths activity mat which will allow your child to revisit and practise a range of skills. A maths activity is also set as a '2Do' on purple Mash (login details can be found at the front of your child's yellow book).

- Your child has been provided with 'Sight Words'. The learning of these 'sight words' will enable your child to read with confidence, fluency and pace – all vital reading skills! We will practise them in class, but additional practise at home is very beneficial. Your child's class teacher will check your child's reading regularly and provide them with the next set when they are able to read their current set confidently. Once your child has learnt all of the sight words, they will be given a book to practise their comprehension skills. Information on how to use this is on the inside cover.
- We do not send home weekly spellings, but have previously shared the words that children are expected to learn to spell by the end of KS1 (Year 2). Each week in class, we will focus on practising a small selection of them and will assess children on their ability to spell them in their independent work. Once again, practising these at home will be very beneficial to your child and will help them become a confident writer.

On our website there is a large selection of resources that can be accessed to support your child's learning including comprehension quizzes, a full list of the sight words and spellings and links to useful websites. They can all be found [here](#).

We have now completed our 'Parent Teacher Consultations' and hope that you found them useful in understanding how your child has settled into Year 1, their general behaviour and their academic progress. If you have any concerns about your child please communicate this directly with your child's class teacher or to our school SENDCo (katie.stevens@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk). I am also contactable for any general queries regarding Year 1 should you have them (danielle.maynard@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk).

The Year 1 Team would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Kind regards

Danielle Maynard and the Year 1 Team

Merry Christmas