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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 1! The team have really enjoyed getting to know your children and settling them into Year 1 life. It has been lovely to see the children enthusiastic and happy, playing with their friends and learning the routines and expectations of Year 1.

For the first two weeks we will be learning about our class countries, which I am sure the children have been telling you all about. After this we will begin our Autumn Term Learning, where our Big Question will be 'Is it fair?'. We will follow the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum; a full breakdown of our learning will be shared soon and our weekly learning for Maths, Phonics and foundation lessons is shared on the newsletter.

Here are a few handy reminders:

- Children are expected to read regularly at home and we ask that this is recorded in your child's Yellow Reading and Communication Book.
- Yellow Reading and Communication books should travel between home and school daily, they will be collected weekly on a Friday. If there is an important message for your child's class teacher please ask your child to hand their book in before then, or send a message via the office email (e.g. different collection arrangements).
- Children will be bringing home a class library book and a colour level book. Children will have regular opportunities to change their books in class.
- On your child's PE day they will wear their PE kit to school (**Spain & South Africa - Tuesday, Mexico - Thursday**), the week commencing 15th September. We will be doing Gymnastics and then Dance; children will be required to remove and put back on their own shoes and socks. To ensure they can be independent please practise this skill at home and only provide your child with laced trainers if they are able to tie and untie them on their own.
- Children should have a pair of wellies and a raincoat in their school box for wet weather.
- Year 1 children will be given some simple homework, alongside regular reading. More information on this will follow in the coming weeks.
- From time to time we will need helpers for our trips and activities, we will request these through Facebook and ping.
- Please join our Facebook group and keep a regular eye on ping and the newsletter as this will be where we will communicate with you about our learning instead of on Tapestry like in Reception.

- If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above please speak directly to your child's class teacher after school, write a note in the Yellow Communication Book or email me directly on (danielle.maynard@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk).

Lastly, we are very much looking forward to working with you and your children to ensure they have a successful, enjoyable and memorable time in Year 1!

Kind Regards

Danielle Maynard (Year 1 Leader) and the Year 1 Team