

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a New Year school and an exciting time for Year 1s. All the children have settled into their new classrooms and very much enjoyed their first week of the Term.

PE days: Year 1 Blue on Monday, **Year 1 Green** on Tuesday and **Year 1 Blue** on Wednesday.

Homework is based on our topic 'All about us'. We will be learning about families, our communities and ourselves. Here are some of the ideas you could help your child do for the project.

- Self-portrait / family portrait
- Family tree
- Model homes
- Or something of your child's own choice linked to the topic

We are happy for you to help with the project but most of the work needs to be completed by your child.

Home Reading: We endeavour to change reading books daily as long as their book is signed by yourself and put in the box in the classroom. **If your child's book has not been changed, please encourage them to reread it and it will be changed the following day.**

This term our topic is based on learning about others and ourselves. We will be focusing on celebrating ourselves as a person and appreciate the lives and cultures of children from different parts of the world.

In Science, we will be learning about our bodies including our senses and their functions.

In Geography, we will be learning about where we live and our neighbourhoods. We will also learn to find places on a map.

In RE, we will explore Shabbat (Judaism) and Diwali (Hinduism).

In PE, we will learn to balance our bodies, develop agility and co-ordination skills.

In PSHE, we will be looking at our emotions and feelings at different situations and think about how we can cope with them.

We will be exploring Body percussions in **Music.** We will look at different ways to create music using our body parts.

We will be learning about E-safety and using Bee-Bots in **Computing.**

In English, we will be mainly using three books: **Whoever You Are, Fantastic Elastic Brain** and **Funny Bones.** We will be learning to write sentences correctly using capital letters, fingers space and full stops correctly. We will also be learning to write description, instructions and fact files.

Maths

The children will be learning to count forwards and backwards accurately, count objects correctly and represent numbers in different ways.

They will also be learning to find more or less than a given number. They will also begin to learn to add and subtract numbers within 10 or 20.

Thank you for your support.

**Mrs Gurung, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Ballard
& Year 1 Team**