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Dear Oliver Jeffers Families,

I hope you had a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to the new school year and hope you and your child are too.

Curriculum

During the Autumn term, Year 1 will be continuing to develop their knowledge in Maths, reading and writing. In Maths, we will be focusing on number and place value, addition and subtraction, pattern, 2D shapes and 3D shapes. We will be continuing with our phonics Read, Write, Inc lessons where the children will be developing their phonetic knowledge to decode and read. In writing, we will be developing the children's handwriting and early writing skills. They will be encouraged to apply their phonics knowledge to write simple sentences, whilst focusing on spelling words phonetically, using capital letters and full stops correctly and taking pride in the presentation of their work. In the afternoon we will be exploring a range of exciting subjects. The children will begin their learning with Science, in which they will be naming different materials, looking at their properties and completing experiments such as finding out which materials are waterproof. In Art, we will be researching Leonardo da Vinci's work and the children will sketch a portrait for their final piece. In Geography, the children will be learning about simple maps and will focus on their immediate environment. In D.T. the children will be making their own fruit crumble and creating moving mechanisms with LEGO.

PE

The children will have two PE sessions each week. This term, our PE day is on a **Tuesday** and the children will be taking part in Fundamentals and Yoga. Lessons will usually be held outdoors but may be moved indoors on occasion, so please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather. Children will need to wear their coloured PE t-shirt, black shorts or trousers, trainers and a black jumper. During Autumn 1, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on Tuesdays. As part of developing independence, we encourage families to practise dressing and undressing at home so that children feel confident changing in and out of their PE kit in preparation for Autumn 2, when they will begin changing at school before and after PE lessons.

Belongings

Children must come to school in the correct uniform. A polite reminder: Please ensure that you write your child's name into all items (including footwear) as it makes it easier to return any lost items. Children must come to school in outdoor shoes and change into sandshoes when they arrive in the classroom. Please ensure that children bring their reading book, linked text and reading record in their book bag. Belongings are stored safely in their own individual locker. Could you also send your child to school with a water bottle filled with water – this means they can have drinks throughout the day.

Reading

Children should be reading at home at least three times per week. This is beneficial for your child's phonic development and is the school's expectation. The children will be given a new book to read at the end of their phonics group's cycle and will need to bring their book to school with them every day, ready to change. If your child does not bring their reading book in, they won't be able to get another reading book until they do so. Please write in your child's reading record every time that you listen to them read.

If you have any queries, then please feel free to pop and see us. We are always happy to help!
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Foster and Miss Johnson

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