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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of the curriculum content for the Autumn Term and also to explain how the vital home/school partnership, begun last year, can continue.

Areas of work in Numeracy Hour to be covered during this term include counting, properties of numbers and number sequences to at least 20; mental calculation strategies for addition and subtraction; place value; length, weight and shape. You might like to practice counting forwards, backwards, in 2's, 5's and 10's. Look at two digit numbers e.g. 14 and group objects in tens and units. Look at shapes around you. Name both 2D (square, triangle, rectangle and circle) and 3D shapes (sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder, pyramid and cone.) Also practice ordering days of the week and months of the year.

Our topics this term are: Myself, Harvest, Fairgrounds, Homes, Light and Dark.

Children in Year One are taught in set groups for mathematics and have a daily numeracy lesson. You will be told the name of your child's maths teacher within the next two or three weeks.

Your child will shortly receive a homework book which will be sent home every Wednesday. This book will contain work linked to the letters and sounds curriculum which has been covered in school during the week. Approximately once every half-term the book will also contain another piece of homework – usually Maths based. Each holiday your child's homework will be more topic based. Whenever possible, try to spend ten minutes each day working on these tasks. The homework book should be returned by the following Monday.

Please can all reading diaries used last year be returned to school in order that we can continue to use them. Thank you.

A library book and a reading book will continue to be sent home every week. Once again, a daily ten minute session with these books is recommended. As well as actually listening to your child read there are many activities that will help develop his/her reading skills; word lotto, snap, word building, word matching, I spy, etc.

The comments made in your child's reading diary are very useful – please continue to write them.

(Please can all children bring in separate water bottles in addition to their lunch time drink.)

Could you please make sure that your child's water bottle is named. Juice may be drunk at dinner time by children bringing sandwiches, water at snack time and throughout the day if needed.

Please could you send in any old adult t-shirts (not long sleeved) for us to use when painting. Thank you.

On Friday 27th November, Year One children will be going to the Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see Aladdin. This is a lovely opportunity for the children and our curriculum work that week will be based around the visit. The approximate cost of this trip is £11.80. A letter will be sent out after half-term asking for this payment. I hope this prior notice is helpful to you.

All Year One children will have swimming lessons at Thomas Russell Infant School in Barton this year. These will start with Class 7 and the class will change each 8 weeks (approx.) You will receive a letter when it is your child's turn.

Year One – Forthcoming Dates for the year 2009/2010

Theatre visit - 27.11.09

Christmas production - 11.12.09

Victorian week - 15.03.09

Llandudno trip - 02.07.10

Thank you for your continued help and co-operation with these matters.

Yours sincerely

Year One Leader/Mrs L Lloyd