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## **January 2010**

### **Dear Parents**

Best wishes for 2010. I am writing to give you an overview of the curriculum for Year One this term, and some areas that you might be able to work on at home.

In Literacy we will continue to work on word building and constructing readable sentences. As well as reading your child's reading book, it would be helpful if you could read a range of different books encouraging them to talk about the books they share with you. We will also be focusing some of our Literacy work on the books: Handa's Surprise and Walking Through the Jungle .

Areas of work to be covered during Numeracy Hour this term include counting, properties of numbers such as odd and even, doubles and near doubles and number sequences for increasingly larger numbers. We will continue to work on mental calculation strategies for addition and subtraction and place value (i.e. understanding the difference between tens and units). Other topics include money (identification of coins, calculation of change, etc), capacity, length, position/direction/movement/and time (o'clock, ½ past) weight, problem solving. PLEASE USE METRIC MEASURES.

Our topics this term are Materials, Fruit and Vegetables, Chinese New Year and Victorians. This will include learning about materials and tasting different fruits and vegetables in science, making fruit salad, finding out about where fruits come from in Geography and learning about how Victorians used to live in History.

### Advance Notice

As part of our history work we will be visiting Shugborough Museum on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost of this visit will be approx **£10.00**. We will also be spending a week as Victorians in school. Victorian costumes will be needed for this week. More details later.

If you have any items at home that may be useful when the children start to discuss these areas, we would be very grateful if they could be sent in to school.

We will be preparing for our Mothers Day Service on 12<sup>th</sup> March and look forward to seeing you on that day.

As you can see, we have a very busy term in front of us. If you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **A few reminders.....**

Book bags need to be in school everyday. Please feel free to put your comments in the reading diary, as it is useful to hear how the children are doing at home.

Homework books are sent home on Wednesday's. These need to be returned to school by the following Monday.

Could you please make sure that drinks and snacks are not put in book bags. They may spill and damage books.

Could you please send a bottle of water with your child every day. They are allowed free access to this. Thank you

We have had quite a few incidents recently involving coats going missing. Luckily we have tracked them all down but could you please ensure that coats, hats, gloves and scarves are named in addition to all school uniform. Thank you.

### **GOLDEN RULES –**

**We use Golden rules throughout the school.** Any child who breaks the rules anywhere in school will be given a yellow card as a warning. If the child carries on breaking our rules they will be given a red card. This will mean they will lose 1 minute of free choice time on a golden choice 30 minute time each week. This is to help children to realise the consequences of their actions and so help with general behaviour throughout the school. We hope that you will support us in this initiative. Below are the golden rules:-

**W**e are gentle  
*We do not hurt others*

**W**e are kind and helpful  
*We don't hurt anyone's feelings*

**W**e listen  
*We don't interrupt*

**W**e are honest  
*We don't cover up the truth*

**W**e work hard  
*We don't waste our own or others time*

**W**e look after property  
*We don't waste or damage things*

Many thanks.

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