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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Welcome to Hendra Class – Year 1!**

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a wonderful summer holiday!

#### **Curriculum:**

Our topic for the first few weeks this term is entitled '**The Big Build**'. In this topic pupils will be exploring how we use materials to change the world around us. This will be covered through Art and Design, Music, Literacy, Geography and Science.

All children will take part in daily Maths sessions (Numbers and Counting, Calculation Strategies, Shape, Space and Measure and Data Handling) and will have phonics lessons using the Read, Write Inc. scheme with which they are familiar.

#### **Reading:**

Reading in Year 1 takes place in a variety of ways across the curriculum. Children have daily shared sessions (*whole class*) and weekly guided reading sessions (*in a group*) which focus on the range of skills they need to progress in their reading. They will also have the opportunity to individually read with an adult in class.

Please ensure that your child continues to read their book from school to someone at home. Please try to hear your child read **at least 3 times a week** and sign in their reading diary each time you do so. **Please send reading books into school everyday** whether your child has read at home or not. The children will have the opportunity to change their home reading book themselves throughout the day if it has been completed at home. In Hendra Class we encourage independence, therefore it is the children's responsibility to place their book bags in the 'need to change box' first thing in the morning.

It is important that children practise reading a variety of types of book, stories, poems, information books *as regularly as they can*. All children will also have access to the school library to choose a book from any level to enjoy at home.

#### **P.E:**

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**, although we ask that PE kits are present in school each day. We would like to remind you that PE kit consists of:

- ✓ Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- ✓ Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- ✓ Trainers or plimsolls
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE

**Please name all PE kits, uniform and shoes** to stop them from getting lost or misplaced.

### **Homework:**

Reading: as often as you can! The more the better in order to gain points for the new Reading Challenge.

A Maths activity or an English activity will be set on **Thursdays**, due in the following Wednesday. A separate letter will be sent home next week along with the first tasks.

We may also send home activities linked to our topic where this will reinforce the learning taking place in school.

### **Tuck:**

In Key Stage 1, children will continue to receive free fruit for break time. If you would like to send your child in to school with an additional **healthy snack** for break time in their book bag then please feel free to do so. The tuck trolley is again available for children to visit during break time, tuck money (20p per day) should be brought to school on a **Monday for that week in a named envelope**.

### **Open Door Policy:**

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Hendra class. Please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. The morning is a very busy time for us. However, if you have any matters that need addressing, you can leave a message with a member of staff on the door but please be aware that they will not be able to arrange for you to see us personally. If you urgently need to discuss something with us directly, please speak to a member of staff in the office who will contact us.

Thank you in advance for your support and here's to an exciting year ahead!

Miss Wood (classteacher), Miss Rosevear, Mrs Wade and Mrs Cookson  
Hendra team

