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**Year 1 Summer Term 2017**

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to Year 1; we hope that you had a wonderful Easter. We are delighted that the children have come back to school so enthusiastically and ready to learn once again.



**Religious Education** – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying *Holidays and Holy Days (Pentecost)*. We will also be looking at Islam.



**English and Our Book Based Curriculum** – this term we have some more very exciting books to explore.

We will focus on two stories: *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Within this, we will be looking at making our writing more interesting by using adjectives and a clear beginning, middle and end. In science, we will learn about plants, including what a plant needs to grow and the different parts of a plant. In history and geography, we will be looking at maps and directions and the history of castles, including a trip to Elvaston Castle.

We will also explore a variety of poems and rhymes, thinking about sharing, enjoying and learning poems, the use of rhyming words and writing our own verses to these.



**Maths** – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving through Maths Makes Sense. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their number bonds to 20 and 2x, 5x, 10x tables.



**PE:** Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. If you have not done so already, please could you send the children in with their **outdoor** PE kits. The usual days for PE are Tuesday and Wednesday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.



**Homework** will be sent out on a Tuesday and will be returned two weeks later on a Monday. This then gives children two weeks to really try their best. Homework will be based around our class book. In addition, spellings will be given out every two weeks along with the book based homework; these will be taken from the home school diaries and the children will be tested on a weekly basis. Please also encourage your children to practise their times tables and number bonds to 20.

If any aspects of homework are causing a concern, please do let me know.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss S Long*