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Moving up to Year 1!

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we thought it might be helpful to send out a brief note about ways to support your child with their learning over the summer holidays. We know the idea of Year 1 can be daunting, but it is a wonderful year for the children, and it shouldn't be feared!

What can I do to help with my child's learning over the holidays?

- Keep on practising phonics sounds as much as possible by both reading the sounds out loud and writing them down.
- Read as much as you can. Every child has a Bug Club account where you will find lots of interesting and fun phonics e-books for your child to read at home for free. Please come and see Miss Hill if you need help logging in.
- Encourage your child to sound out and write sentences by themselves. In Year 1, a major skill which the children will focus on is applying phonics knowledge to independent writing. The children can use a sound mat/tricky word mat to help them with this. Please find a sound mat and tricky word mat attached to this letter to use at home.
- Encourage your child to keep on spotting numbers in their home and outside. Counting out loud and forming numerals independently is a skill which your child will be looking at in Year 1. The children will also be starting to look at numbers to 100 in KS1 so it would be helpful for them to become familiar with numbers bigger than 20. Please find a 100 square attached to this letter to help your child with this at home.

What will Year 1 be like and how can I help at home?

- Year 1 will be different to Cherry class, but it will still be fun! The children will have a transition period whereby they will continue to play/choose activities in class before slowly transitioning to a more formal way of learning. Year 1 and 2 work closely together and will be following the same learning journey- please keep an eye out in September for their Learning Journey booklet and newsletter.
- Please encourage your child to be independent in the holidays with getting changed, putting jackets/shoes on, and using cutlery. There will be adults to help your child with their lunch but now they are setting an example to the new Reception children, it would be lovely for them to use cutlery correctly.
- Children will continue to need a book bag, water bottle and appropriate coat in school every day.
- Snack time will be at morning break (10:00am) and any snacks from home should be either: fresh/dried fruit, vegetable sticks, rice cakes (not chocolate/caramel) or crackers & cheese.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Miss Hill and Miss Sapiano
EYFS Phase Lead & KS1 Phase Lead

