Welcome
What a busy couple of weeks we have had! We really hope all the children have settled in and have been enjoying Year one as much as we have.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Autumn term, including details of the curriculum.

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-Year 1 team

Learning Theme-

Marvellous Me
Our first theme is Marvellous Me. As scientists we will be learning all about our body, the skeleton, our five senses and what we need to stay fit and healthy. Also, as artists, we will be exploring different styles and impressions of self-portraits, before having a go at our very own. As historians, we will be looking at our families and researching how we used to live.

Who lives in a House like this?
After Autumn half term we will be moving on to our second theme ‘Who lives in a house like this?’ Within this theme we will be comparing the different styles of houses in our local area as well as in different parts of Coventry. As scientists we will be investigating electricity and finding out how long we have been using it in our homes and for what purpose. As designers, we will be investigating and experimenting with different materials to build a structure.

Mathematics

In the 1st half of this term we will be covering:
- Place Value
- Number recognition
- Addition and subtraction

In the 2nd half of this term we will be covering:
- Addition and subtraction
- Number and place value to 20
- Addition and subtraction within 20

How can parents/ Carers help?
- Practice number formation and recognition
- Playing number games at home (snakes and ladders, games with dice etc...)

English

This term we will be using story books related to our themes to retell a familiar story using symbols and actions before writing our version.

As writers, we will be developing our skills at writing a simple sentence accurately focusing on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

PE

We will have PE on a Thursday in the first half term and on a Tuesday in the second half term.
Throughout the autumn term we will be focusing on the fundamental skills of balancing and co-ordination. In gymnastics, we will be learning to follow and remember a simple routine.

Home Learning
Our homework is given out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. The children can complete homework in any way they wish using the given information.

We will give you the first 100 high frequency words, you can practise reading and writing these words at home.

Please read with your child as often as possible as reading is such an important skill.

PSHE
This term we are finding out about how we learn best. We are using the language of growth mind-set to learn from our mistakes, persevere, develop resilience, empathy and collaborate with our classmates.

In circle time, we will be exploring ideas around conflict resolution and how to be a good friend.