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## Welcome to Year 1!

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children to the new school year and hope they come back fully rested and eager to learn! One of the main focuses this year will be about developing resilience for our children, so that they have the strategies to cope with the challenges the Year 1 curriculum will provide.

### The Curriculum

We are very excited to be embarking on a new curriculum scheme in September, provided by Cornerstones Education. Each half term, children will be exploring exciting and engaging topics covering History, Geography, Music, Art, D&T and Science. We are very grateful to the SPA for helping us fund this fantastic learning opportunity and we cannot wait to launch this with the children. More information will follow in September, but in the meantime please visit [cornerstoneseducation.co.uk](http://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk) for a sneaky peak!

For the rest of the curriculum, including the core subjects of English and Maths, you can find the whole school plan on the school website [sarratt.herts.sch.uk](http://sarratt.herts.sch.uk). The attached document also gives you the curriculum expectations outlined by the Government. This gives you an opportunity to look ahead, should you wish to do prior research or learning with your children over the summer. Some great websites to use to further extend your children's learning at home are:

[bbc.co.uk/education](http://bbc.co.uk/education) - here you can select your child's key stage  
[primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk) – fantastic games across the curriculum  
[ngkids.co.uk](http://ngkids.co.uk) – great for homework and exploring our world

### Reading

It is important that the children continue reading from a wide range of genres over the summer. The local library is running an exciting reading challenge based on Roald Dahl, called the Big Friendly Read. Your children will find out more about this in an assembly next week. Sign up at your local library and take part in this scrumdiddlyumptious challenge! Please visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) for more information.

### Getting ready for Year 1

As your child moves into Year 1, it would be very beneficial that they have the opportunity to practise the following over the summer:

- Practise letter and number formation
- Practise counting forwards and backwards, in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Learn to read and write the high frequency words

### Communication

We always appreciate open communication with our parents, whether that is jotting a note in a homework book or catching us at the door. If for any reason you need a longer meeting, please see the office to make an appointment. We always like to know how our children are doing and how we can best support their learning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Miss Wallek

