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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our Year 1 families and a very warm welcome to our new Reception families. We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Our topic for this term is 'Our Local Area'. We will be exploring where we live and getting to know our local community and surrounding area. Please see our Autumn Term overview for further details.

Our PE session will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please send your child's labelled PE kit into school this week (if you haven't already). We will keep kits in school and send them home at the end of each term to be washed.

Our Outdoor Learning days will take place as follows:

- Hummingbirds – Wednesday
- Robins – Thursday
- Finches – Friday

Please ensure your child has a named pair of wellies and a puddle suit. These will remain in school throughout the term and will be sent home at the end of term, unless they need washing beforehand.

All children will need to bring their JMPS bookbag to school each day. Rucksacks will not be allowed due to the limited storage we have for them.

All books, including library books, should be brought into school on a Monday so that they can be changed. Year 1 children will be able to change their reading books on a daily basis should they wish to. Please can their reading books and records remain in their bookbags at all times. Reception children will begin bringing home a reading book and a library book once they have settled into school and started their phonics learning. We expect children to read at home with an adult at least four times per week and this should be recorded in their reading records.

Children will need a bottle of water and a healthy snack (fresh fruit/vegetables, cheese or crackers) for mid-morning. Please ensure all snacks are in a named pot or the name is written on the skin of the fruit. Snacks do not need to be big as we only have 10 minutes to eat them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you into school on **Tuesday 15th September at 2:30 pm** for our 'Welcome to Year R/1 Information Meeting' in your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend, we will share the presentation slides with you afterwards.

Please do come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team