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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 1,

Welcome back to the new term here at Manor Park First School. We hope you have all had a lovely break and are ready to get back to school. Here is some information to outline what your children will be learning this term in all the different curriculum areas. Do encourage your child to tell you about what they have been learning at school – it really helps the children to secure their learning when they discuss it with others.

<ul> <li>In Mathematics we are learning:</li> <li>about place value; in particular how many tens and ones are in a number, far example 17 is not 'one and seven', but in fact, 'ten and seven'.</li> <li>about measurement. We will be comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving length.</li> <li>to recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In English we will be using two key texts 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'Mog's Christmas'.</li> <li>Our focus for our English writing will be to:</li> <li>use adjectives to describe the crayons eg: lazy, red, boring, busy, lonely</li> <li>write a letter to Duncan from the crayons explaining why they quit</li> <li>create a wanted poster for Mog and create a simple narrative</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>In RE we are learning about:</li> <li>the Christian story of the very first Christmas. We will be focusing on the Shepherds' role and using art and drama to enhance our learning. We will be looking at some traditions, such as advent calendars, and thinking about how these represent the countdown to Christmas for Christians.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In History we are learning about:</li> <li>old toys - we shall be exploring what our parents and grandparents used to play with and thinking about the similarities and differences between the toys we have now.</li> <li>As part of our learning, the children will be learning how to be real Historians. They will be learning about the past by talking to people who were around then - You! They will come home with questionnaires for a parent and an older relative to complete about the toys that were around in the olden days.</li> </ul>



In <b>PE</b> we are learning about:	In <b>Science</b> we are learning about materials.
<ul> <li>team building games - follow instructions, working together, problem solving, communicate instructions</li> <li>invasion games - change direction at speed, recognise changes in our bodies when we exercise, balance &amp; coordination</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We will be distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made.</li> <li>We will Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock.</li> <li>We shall describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.</li> </ul>
In <b>PHSE</b> we will be learning about:	In <b>Music</b> we are learning:
<ul> <li>ways in which we are all similar</li> <li>how we are all different</li> <li>celebrating our differences</li> <li>how we include everyone</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>about keeping a regular pulse</li> <li>high and low pitches</li> <li>rhyme</li> </ul>

## Additional class information:

## <u>Spellings</u>

Year 1 will bring home their 'Earth words'. Please practise reading and writing these words with the children.

## <u>Reading</u>

Reading on a daily basis is very important in Year 1. Please encourage your child to read their school book **daily**. Also don't forget sharing a book and reading a book of choice to your child is a lovely time to spend together.

<u>PE</u>

Parrot Class - Tuesdays and Wednesdays Octopus Class - Tuesdays and Fridays

We look forward to a fantastic Autumn 2 term.