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PRIORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Autumn Term 2022

Welcome to Year 1! It has been a very busy few weeks welcoming the children back and helping them settle into their new classroom. I have been impressed with how well they have adjusted to the change and how hard they are working.

This term we will be exploring the curriculum through the topic: 'This is Me'. As a class, we will be learning about our differences and celebrating our own unique qualities. During the first half term, the story 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann will form the focus of learning. The children will learn how to write from the perspective of a character, how to write fiction and non-fiction pieces, and explore animal themed poetry.

In Science, we will be inspired by the work of David Attenborough where we will be learning about a range of animals, their characteristics and habits, and the three different food groups. In Geography, we will be starting our journey by investigating what life is like in the Arctic and comparing it to our home environment. We will be using globes and maps to locate and name the seven continents and five oceans of the World.

In the second half of the Autumn Term, we will be reading the story 'Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. We will be learning about healthy eating and lifestyle choices and how we can help the character, 'Beast', adjust to living on Planet Earth! In History we will be exploring various famous people who have been influential in driving positive change in the world. This topic will encourage the children to reflect on the courageous efforts of the world's most famous individuals.

In Maths the children will be developing their skills in Number and Place Value, Addition, Subtraction and Shape. The children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and apply this knowledge to solve practical problems.

Homework will be allocated in due course. All workbooks will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in the following Thursday. The children will be assigned weekly sounds to work on at home and this information will be shared in their reading diaries.

The children will continue to have PE with Mr King on Thursday and Friday, so please could you make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on those days. If possible, please could you also send in a spare pair of trainers which will be kept in class, this is so we can get involved with physical /outdoor learning opportunities throughout the week. Spanish with Senorita Perez will continue to take place on Thursday's.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Contact can be made through the school office or via a note in your child's reading diary; I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting with you at our upcoming Parents' Evening (Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November) where we can discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely
Miss M Tomlin

