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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope your child enjoyed this half term of Year 1. In this letter we hope to tell you about the learning we will carry out next half term.

Main Learning Theme: We are looking forward to an interesting theme called “Water World”. This unit of work is based on how water is used, where we find water and how living things are dependent on water. It has a Science focus and we will be investigating how water affects the growth of plants. The children will have the chance to grow seeds, and watch how water can change this growth. We will also look at the different plant and animal life that can be found in ponds. We hope to go pond dipping to really explore this!

Literacy: This half term we will continue to teach Literacy through implementing the “Read Write Inc.” program. This will focus on developing the reading skills of the children. It will also extend their writing ability. In particular, focussing on strategies for spelling and writing in greater depth.

Numeracy: In Numeracy we will be looking at the topics of handling data and measures. We will also look at calculating, measuring and understanding shape. This half term will also see the beginning of our exciting new “Read, Write, Inc” approach to Numeracy. This will ensure that learning in maths is pitched specifically at the appropriate level for your child.

For further information please visit the website:

www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primaryframework/mathematics/planning/Year1

Learning Skills: In this area we will be looking at thinking skills. This unit is called “Knowing Me, Knowing You” (Developing a sense of self worth and understanding of self and others). Specifically we will be focussing on these targets: I can ask questions about why things happen and how things work. I can describe what happened in a sequence of events. I can describe some good things about another person’s idea. I can follow simple instructions to make an investigation.

Parent/Carer involvement: If any parents/carers have any interesting pictures or artefacts relating to water we would love to see them. Also if anybody has any expertise or knowledge of ponds we would love to hear from you!

Home Learning: Each week your child will be given one activity to complete at home with your support. In addition to this reading at home with your child as much as possible is extremely beneficial.

P.E.: Please ensure your child brings their indoor and outdoor P.E. kits to school each day. This should consist of plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt with plimsolls or trainers for indoor P.E. and warmer clothes with trainers for outdoor P.E.

Trips: We intend to visit a local pond to carry out pond dipping sessions. Further details of this will follow.

Yours sincerely the Year One Team:

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