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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Welcome back to school and to Year 1!

We hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday!

We are all really excited about working together with you and your children this year and look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

Please come and say hello and introduce yourselves!

We will do everything possible to make your child's transition to their new class run as smoothly as possible. We hope the following information (there is a lot!) will be useful to enable us all to make a great start to the new school year but please never hesitate to email us or catch us at the end of the day if you have any questions or need any support with anything!

- Teachers and arrival/collecting children:
Lemurs Class are taught by Mrs Glover (M-Th) and Miss Dymond (Fridays). PPA cover is on Tuesdays, alternate am/pm, and Miss Bright covers the class for this.
Orangutans are taught by Miss Bath (M-Th) and Mrs Edmonds (Fridays). PPA cover is on Tuesdays, alternate am/pm, and Mrs Cruttenden covers the class for this.
We are supported by a wonderful team of TAs including Mrs Johnston, Mrs Rendall, Miss Anderson, Mrs West and Mrs Jackson.
The gates are opened just before 830am when the children are welcomed onto the playground and head into class for registration at 835am. Please continue to give any messages to the member of staff on duty at the gate.
At 305pm please collect your children from the playground. The children will come out of the double doors, to the right of the orange wall. To help ensure this goes smoothly, and as we start to put names to faces, a quick wave when your child is at the front of the line at the door will really help us – thank you in advance!
If your child is being collected by someone else please let us know either via email or by calling the Office. To ensure your children's safety, if we do not receive a message about alternative arrangements, we will contact you to check and thank you for your understanding with this.
- Welcome to Year 1: we would like to invite you to a short meeting to welcome you all to Year 1 on **Tuesday 29th September** at **230pm** in our classrooms. Please enter via the office. If you can't make the meeting please do not worry as we will email the ppt to all parents.
- Home Learning: Every other Wednesday we will set a home learning activity and these will mostly be maths based. We will add resources to your math's passport envelope to support these activities. Please keep these in your book bags. We

will let you know games to play and ideas for how you can use the resources and support your child with their maths learning at home. We will let you know about home learning via tapestry, our webpage and email.

- Reading: we aim to send reading books home on Friday 4th September. Please continue to hear your child read regularly; a short session as often as you can is best.

We will continue to follow our phonics scheme, Phonics Shed, which is supported by reading books linked to the phonics and common exceptions words the children have been taught to date.

The children will bring home a phonics book (occasionally they will be given two phonics books) and a second, 'share with me', book clearly marked with a star on the front cover. The children are not expected to read this book by themselves. You can use the 'share with me' book to work on some of the skills from your reading bookmark such as predicting what might happen next or answering questions about what they have read/shared.

An adult at school will hear your child read once a week, see table below, and change your child's book if appropriate.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Chestnuts	Limes	Oaks	Sycamores

- If your child reads at home 5 times a week (reading books or practising phonics / words) they get a team point and their name will be entered in to a draw to win a book, every week. The more weeks they achieve this, the more chance there will be of winning. Every time you read with your child please sign the reading record book and write an 'H' in a circle so that we can see at a quick glance what the total number is. On your child's book change day we will count up the 'H's' from the previous week and draw a highlighted line to indicate that the count starts again.

As the term gets under way, daily Whole Class Reading sessions at school will support your child with developing their reading further, focussing on skills such as learning new vocabulary, fluency, inference and retrieval.

- Phonics sound cards: This system continues in Year 1. When we learn new phonemes, we will send home cards at the end of each week for the children to practise these at home.
- You can further support phonics at home by accessing the Phonics Shed website using log ins which will be stuck into your child's reading record once we have access to them. You will have access to games linked to the phonemes the children have learnt so far and as we learn more phonemes these will be released. You can also access ebooks linked to the phonemes taught to read and share on line to supplement the physical copy we send home. Any questions, just ask.

- Animal word cards: This system continues in Year 1. The children need to learn to read and spell the words on their word cards. We will assess these around week 3 each term. We will send home a sheet of the Year 1 Common Exception Words. These are the words that the children are expected to be able to read and spell by the end of Year 1. Most of these words are featured on the animal cards. We have sent you the whole list so you have an overview, feel free to learn to read and spell them all at home.
- School Library: our class library day is Friday and we will bring our first library book home next week to share with you. The library will be open on Wednesdays this term from 8am -830am and from 305-335pm for you to come and change your library book, read your school reading book to your parent/carer or just relax and read. We will also be sharing dates for 'start your day with a story' for this term when each class is invited in at 815 to 'start their day with a story'!
- The Year 1 Curriculum: our whole school enquiry this term is 'What makes me human?' and our Year 1 enquiry is 'What are we?'. We will be focussing on being Scientists and Artists during this enquiry. We will be going on trips to Riverbourne Community Farm and having a visit from Zoolab. More information to follow.
- Webpage: our class webpages are a really good place to keep up to date with all things Year 1! You will find an overview of our term's learning, what we have been learning each week, photo gallery, Home Learning tasks, websites to support our learning etc. Please check them out regularly
- Tapestry: we will continue to be using 'Tapestry' to document your child's learning journey in Year 1 and you can access this as you did last year. If you need any support accessing Tapestry please let us know. We will also use Tapestry to share any messages, home learning or information from time to time.
- WOW moments: these will continue in Year 1 so please share any WOW moments from home using the sheet we have sent home for us to share in class. Just ask if you need some more!
- Snack: The children continue to be provided with a piece of fruit/veg to eat at snack time.
- Water: Please continue to send your child to school with their water bottles. Water is available in the classrooms at all times.
- Milk: If you would like your child to have milk in Year 1, you will need to contact the office to organise this.
- PE kits: Your child needs to continue to keep their PE kit at school. The children will need a t-shirt, shorts, track suit bottoms and trainers/plimsolls. A spare of socks are always useful if your child wears tights to school.

Please name all clothes; including trainers/plimsolls.

- Learning Outdoors: We like to go outside and learn and play whatever the weather and so to help us do that please provide your child with some wellies which we may keep at school. As the weather is so changeable please provide sun hats, raincoats and hats and scarves as appropriate! **Please name your items.**

In Year 1 we continue to learn outside during part of the morning on Fridays. Children should wear their school uniform on Fridays as wellies and a coat will be sufficient for this learning.

- 'Numbots': We continue to have access to this maths-based website. You can continue to access it with the log ins you had last year. These can be found at the front of your original reading record.
- Maths Passports: We will continue to work towards our maths passports and really appreciate your support with this at home. Support for this can be found on our website [Mathematics | Greentrees Primary School](#)

We look forward to working with you to support your child throughout their time with us. If you have any questions, queries, concerns or want to share any good news, achievements or those priceless moments concerning your child with us then please do. You can catch us after school, email us, call the office or make an appointment to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

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