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Dear Parent / Carer

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We have had a lovely start to the new school year. Already the children are starting to get used to the new daily routines.

It is lovely to see some of the children showing an interest in their class country and hopefully over the next weeks, their interest will be fuelled by the work that we will be doing in each of the classes.

Please see below some areas that we would like some help with, if you are able.

1. From the week beginning 12th September, we will be starting our morning reading groups.

If you are able to help between 9.00am and 9.30am any morning from Monday to Thursday, please sign up in your child's class or let their teacher know. Just to remind you that it does not have to be every week, just whenever you can, although every week is very helpful for us. If you can help at another time, we can always use a spare pair of hands. If you pop into the office they will help you with the DBS form if you have not got one.

2. On Friday 16th September each of the classes in Year 1 will be having a 'food from our class country' day, where we encourage the children to embrace a new culture and try something a little different. We would like to ask you to send your child in with a food item typical to their class country, for us to share with the class. This can be as basic or creative as you can manage. (If you are making something please let us know what the ingredients are in case of allergy issues). Also, please ensure that the class teacher knows of any known allergies your child may have before Friday. Obviously, we may spread the items over the following week if we get a lot!
3. From 12th September all the classes will start PE lessons so please check that your child has their PE bag in school. They will be doing gym inside and games outside unless it is pouring with rain or very icy so tracksuit bottoms would be kind.
4. Finally, we are asking each child to bring in a teddy (not a precious one as it will need to stay in school for two weeks) on Monday 12th September. The bear will be part of our daily maths lessons as well as being part of the topic. You will also receive an invitation to a teddy's picnic (well biscuit) on Friday 23rd September at 2.30pm.

Thank you for your help with these, and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

The Year 1 Team

