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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have all settled well into Year 1 and we felt it might be useful to invite you to a series of short informal meetings about certain areas of the curriculum. These will be between 20 and 30 minutes long and will be straight after the school day in Holland Class.

Developing Reading in Year 1 – We will talk about how to engage your child with reading and advise on the appropriate kind of books to explore. As the children move to Year 1, they will be ready to learn a wider range of phonic and comprehension skills. We will explain how we support all of the children in preparation for the Year 1 Phonic Screening. – **Wednesday 19th September**

Developing Handwriting in Year 1 - This will include how to support your child with pencil grip, fine motor control and letter formation. We will also talk about how to help with their writing at home. – **Thursday 20st September**

Developing Spelling and Grammar in Year 1 – Your children will have been introduced to the Reception level frequently used words. We will talk about how these are developed in Year 1 and also show the grammar rules they will be learning. – **Wednesday 26th September**

Developing Maths in Year 1 – We will introduce the teaching for mastery techniques and share with you the concepts and terms we will be using. We will look at ideas of how to develop mathematical understanding at home. – **Thursday 27th September.**

There will be booklets available at each of the meetings.

We will put out some construction toys and books in one of the other Year 1 classrooms for the children and siblings.

If you would like input on any other area of the curriculum please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours faithfully

The Year 1 team

