Abbey Hey Primary Academy
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 1!
We're delighted to begin this exciting new chapter with you and your child. Year 1 is a time of wonderful growth, learning, and discovery, and we're looking forward to sharing this journey together.
This letter outlines some key information about what your child will be learning in class. You can also find more detailed curriculum updates and news on our school website.

Getting Ready for School
To help your child have a great start each day, please make sure they come to school:

- Wearing their full school uniform
- Bringing their book bag and a water bottle
- Feeling ready and eager to learn!

Our Learning:

English Writing	We will begin the year by focusing on writing simple sentences. Our aim is to help children develop the foundational skills they need to feel confident and ready for Year 1 writing tasks. Our first English unit is based on the book *Poems to Perform*. The children will explore a variety of poems and use them as inspiration to create their own poetry. We're excited to share their wonderful poems with parents later in the term! Next, we will dive into the story *The Lonely Beast*. The children will practise retelling the story aloud, helping them build their storytelling and sequencing skills. For our final writing project of the term, we will read *Lost in the Toy Museum*. Inspired by the story, the children will work together to create a non-fiction class book all about their favourite toys.
Maths	In Maths, the children will be exploring numbers up to 10, learning number bonds, and practicing addition within 10.
Science	In Science, we'll be focusing on biology. The children will learn to identify a variety of plants and trees, as well as name and understand the different parts of a plant.
Geography	In Geography, we will explore the topic 'Here I Am.' We will be locating our school in our local area and identifying physical and human features on a map during fieldwork.
Art	In Art, the children will be exploring the topic 'I Am an Artist.' We will be introducing the children to sketchbooks, experimenting with mark-making and learning about primary colours.
RE	In R.E. we will be learning about the Christianity and Judaism. and exploring the question 'Who made the world?'
PE	In P.E, the children will be focusing on dance and fitness. They will be learning how to perform their own dance moves and make up a short dance. During fitness we will be learning how to hop and jump over ropes.
Music	In Music, our first unit is 'Finding Your Voice'. We will explore how to use pitch when we are singing the difference between the 'singing' and 'speaking' voice. We will also learn how to listen and imitate songs and phrases.

Computing	In Computing, we will be learning about computing systems and networks. We will be exploring the technology around us and look at e-safety.
PSHE	In PSHE we will be exploring the topic of 'My connections'. We will look at why families and friendships are important for helping us feel safe, secure and loved. We will also be looking at what makes a caring and happy family and how we can help others to feel included.

PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.
On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.
Poppy Class – Monday
Daisy Class – Monday
Buttercup Class– Monday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 1 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them. Once you have read with your child, please add a comment to your child's digital reading record. Learningwithparent.co.uk
myON	Each week children are expected to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Phonics	Phonics videos will also be shared on Class Dojo weekly. Please practise phonics every day as we get the children ready for the phonics screening.

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

On our school website you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,
Yours sincerely,
The Year 1 team