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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer! I am really looking forward to teaching Year 1 this year and I have enjoyed our first week together as a class. We are so lucky to have the wonderful Mrs Fox in our class every day. Please see a breakdown below, by subject, of your child's weekly learning journey with the Year 1 team at Skyswood.

COMPUTING

On Wednesdays, Mrs Rich will be teaching computing.

MUSIC

On Thursday afternoons, Year 1 have a weekly music lesson with our specialist teacher, Mrs Salway, and join in with singing assemblies on Thursday mornings. The aim in Year 1 is to develop general musicianship through singing and games, with an increasing awareness of pulse and pitch. Hopefully, they will be eager to share their new songs with you at home. If any parents or grandparents have a particular enthusiasm for music and would like to get involved in Skyswood music, they are very welcome. We have been very lucky to have helpers in singing assembly and instrumental demonstrations in class and Mrs Salway is very much looking forward to getting to know Year 1.

FRENCH

On Wednesday mornings, in the second half of the autumn term, our French specialist Madame Cheshire will be teaching French. The children are all very excited to learn a new language with Madame Cheshire.

READING AND WRITING

The children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on a Monday and Thursday. It would be very helpful if you could listen to them read aloud on a daily basis and write a note to say when they have completed the books so we can change the books on the designated day. They will also be bringing home the Read, Write, Inc. book they are focussing on each particular week. It is important to ask your child questions about what they have read to check their understanding and comprehension, even if they appear to be reading fluently. They will have Read, Write, Inc., every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning, with guided reading taking place on Wednesday mornings. If you are available and would like to help with this then please email or speak to me at drop off or pick up. Spellings will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday. The spellings will be based on their Read, Write, Inc. work.

MATHS

The children will be tested on their maths cards every week; if you would like to help with maths cards, please let us know the day and time that you are available. It is important that maths cards and reading records are brought into school each day, so we can record when the children have completed these activities in school.

SHOW & TELL

The rota for Show and Tell, which will take place on Friday afternoons, will be sent to you on a separate ParentMail very shortly.

P.E

This year P.E. will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. PE kits should be brought into school at the beginning of term and will be sent home at the end of each half term. Please ensure all school uniform and P.E. kit is labelled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me, or arrange a time to come and see me either before or after school; you are always welcome. My email is ejones@skyswood.herts.sch.uk . Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Fox and I are looking forward to an exciting and fun packed year with your lovely children!

Kind regards,

Emily Jones

Subject	Area	Activities
English	Predictable phrasing	Recognising and using predictable patterns in their own writing Writing in different genres/ style Hot-seating, freeze frames and role play
	Contemporary fiction	
	Labels, lists and captions	
	Recounts Poetry and repetitive poems	
Maths	Number and Place value	Using different resources to understand addition Methods of calculation Drawing and interpreting graphs
	Counting	
	Addition	
	Shapes, data and measures	
Science	Everyday Materials	Subtraction
		Making predictions Designing investigations and drawing conclusions Planning and conducting fair tests
Computing	Word processing	Reviewing, editing and presenting work
	Using the Internet	Using the Internet to conduct searches to support investigations
	Digital painting	Creating digital pictures
History	Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot	Using different historical resources
Geography	Weather	Looking at different climates
		Using investigative skills for the climates
P.E.	Games activities	Skills and techniques, such as throwing and catching
	Dance	Rules of games Evaluating performance
Design and Technology	Kites	Flying kites and looking at their designs
		Designing and creating their own kite
		Evaluating kites
Religious Education	Christianity	The Christianity creation story
		Christmas