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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year in Key Stage One. It has been so lovely to see all of your children again and hear all about their exciting summer adventures. We have been extremely impressed with how well the children have settled into their new class and routines this week and it has been wonderful to see our classrooms full of smiling faces, ready to learn! We would love to welcome you in to see our classrooms and meet us face to face. We would like this to be as soon as possible so that we can put faces to names for our parents. So, we invite you to join us straight after school on Monday 11th September. Year 1 children and parents please head into Poppy class and then there will be an opportunity to go to Sunflower Class after. Year 2 children and parents please head into Forget Me Not Class and then there will be an opportunity to go to Bluebell Class after. We know that some of you may not be able to attend then, however if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is very important that we have good communication between school and home, so that the needs of your child are best met. If there is anything that you think may be affecting your child, then please contact school using the email biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk or phone the office on 01423 502375. Your child's teacher will respond as soon as they are available. The positive involvement of parents/carers in education is vital in order to give your child the best possible support throughout their time in school. You are the ones who know your child best and can help us bring out the best in them.

Rewards

This year we will be focusing on three simplified school rules - Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe. Children who follow these rules consistently will be awarded "Dojos". Dojos are also awarded for amazing work. Dojos collected will also be added to the class house point chart and the house with the most points across the school will be announced every Friday. Children get to show amazing work to a different member of staff in school. Each week each of the class teachers will pick two children who have being exceptional all week to receive a star pupil award, there will also be one special mention a week in assembly depending on the school's termly focus.

Reading

We ask that you continue to hear your child read at home on a regular basis, four times per week is the minimum expectation. This only need be for 5 minutes per time. It is better to practise more regularly for a short time than to read for longer and make reading feel like a chore. The reading reward chart in the front of your child's reading record will be ticked accordingly.



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Spelling and Rapid Recall

Starting from next Friday, spellings will be sent home weekly matched to the Little Wandle programme that we follow in school. These will be tested each week in class. Again a little practice each day is better than trying to 'cram' on the day of the test. Spelling books need to be returned on a Wednesday, children will be tested on a Thursday and returned home on a Friday.

Children will be sent home a weekly maths sheet which we call rapid recall and tests the children on key facts that they need to recall by the end of Key Stage One. They need to complete this sheet in 5 minutes. Children will be tested on a Thursday and they will receive a new sheet on a Friday.

Home work

This year in Key Stage One we have decided to change how we send home homework for your children. Your child will bring home a homework book each Friday that will contain a task to be completed that week. On top of your child's weekly reading, spelling and rapid recall they will also have either a maths or English task to complete. This will be set at an appropriate level for your child and will be linked to recent learning. These homework tasks should be completed and returned to school to be marked and new work set. These tasks should not take more than about 10 minutes. If you find that they are taking longer than this, please speak to your child's teacher. For Year 2 children homework books will be sent home next Friday, for Year 1 children this will start after October half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gibson
Key Stage One Leader

