Welcome to Year one! This term we have a very exciting topic based around the Elmer books and thinking about "What makes us special?" We are looking forward to being detectives around class investigating and finding out all about ourselves. We will be finding out about our friends as well as adults around school and local community. We are hoping to include an exciting visit from a policeman or a fireman. We will also be taking a walk around Long Eaton looking at the environment we may live in.

School ready

Every child is expected to bring their book bag, reading folder with their books and reading record in to school every day as well as their PE kit when required. This will enable them to receive the best of their learning opportunity. Reading books and reading records will come home with your child at some point this week. Please check the front of the reading record for ideas on how to help your child. Books will be changed weekly when your child has been listened to read and you have signed their reading record. It would be great for the children's literacy skills to explore different genres by developing their imagination so please feel free to read any extra literature you may have at home.

As the weather is still nice please ensure your child has sun cream and a sun hat available in school at all times. However seeing as the British weather is VERY unreliable please do not forget their coats; nobody likes getting caught in the rain without a coat. If your child would prefer they can keep their hat, coat and sun cream in a bag on their pegs.

Time Table Update

	Morning		Afternoon	
Monday	Maths	Read Write Inc	Topic	Assembly
Tuesday	Writing	Read Write Inc	PE	PSHE
Wednesday	Maths	Read Write Inc	Topic	Storytime
Thursday	Topic	Read Write Inc	Read Write Inc	Reading buddies
Friday	Writing	Workshop	Reflection	Golden Time

Homework

This term to encourage all of the children to take ownership and responsibility for their homework we will be giving out a prize to any child who completes the challenge every week this term. Homework will be handed out on Friday's and please can you return by the following Wednesday.

Celebrations and rewards

The Year One children will continue to attend the golden award assembly on a Monday afternoon to celebrate their exceptional effort in our chosen skill or for their model learning attitude. Bronze stickers are continuing to be a success as the children work towards silver and gold stickers for working at their personal best or putting in 100% effort.

Start and end of school day

All children are expected to arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am ready to enter the classroom after the whistle at 9:00am. This will ensure all children are settled and ready to learn as soon as possible to maximise learning time. A polite reminder that all resources set up in the outside learning areas are for

the children during the school day. Please ensure that these are not accessed by your child or any siblings before and after school.

Our learning Focuses

The Arts

During this half term we are focusing on colour patterns and making different colours. We will also be exploring ways we can express our feelings through music and movement.

Mathematics

Our focuses this term is number and simple addition. We will be exploring numbers through simple calculations as well as numbers in our environment. The use of objects and pictures will be used to support their learning.

<u>Literacy, Communication</u> and Language

We are working on letter formation and sentence structure. This will be done through a range of genres the children will be exploring.

Humanities

We are learning all about our local area and weather patterns around the world. We will be thinking about what we like about Long Eaton and comparing it to places around the world.

I wonder:

What makes us special?

PSHE and Geography

Science

We are learning all about our bodies, senses and seasons. This will include labelling parts of the body as well as understanding what we use these for. We will also be focusing on different clothing for different seasons.

PSHE and SMSC

The children will be exploring the different emotions that they may be feeling joining a new year as well as celebrating friendships made. They will also be reading books to highlight diversity in the world we live in today and who can help us in the community.

Exciting Events

Wc 25th September Long Eaton walk. Wc 16th Oct- Elmer style dress up day. 20th Oct- break up. 30th Oct- Inset day.

Physical Development Games skills

Pe will be focusing on gross motor skills such as throwing and catching skills, sending and receiving and challenge games!