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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Key Stage One Coffee Session

Firstly, thank you to all parents/carers who attended the informal meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

It was a very productive session in which many ideas were shared regarding moving Key Stage 1 forward. Suggestions put forward include –

- An online calendar that clearly communicates upcoming events.
- Workshops provided for parents including, the use of TT Rockstars at home and year 2 SATs.
- Greater opportunities for Parents/Carers to discuss their child's learning with them (look at books).

Overall, it was a great opportunity to meet parents/carers in a relaxed atmosphere and listen to thoughts and opinions on what the school is doing well and what we could do better.

Please find below, the information that was requested –

1. The Herrick Character and learning attitude which helps to differentiate between a 'good person' and a 'good learner'



#### The Herrick Character - 'Be ERICC'

**E**mpathy - helps others

**R**esilient - never gives up

**I**ntegrity - makes the right choices

**C**itizen - good role model

**C**ourage - has a go



I am curious

Curio



I am independent

Inde



I like a challenge

Chal



I like to investigate

Investigo



I am confident

Confido

2. **Parents/Carers spoke of homework.** Thoughts and opinions vary on amount, time given and nature of feedback. We will ensure homework is consistent and handed out and collected in on agreed dates.

3. **Ideas to support children at home include –**

- -20 minutes of Daily Reading
- -Regular Spelling Practise-all spellings can be found on the Herrick website.
- -Daily discussion about new vocabulary and new learning. For all information about the content of each subject, please visit: <https://www.herrick.leicester.sch.uk/curriculum.php>

### Ways to support with Reading

#### Reading at Home

[KS1 Reading Questions](#)

[Questions to Support Children at Home](#)

[Reading Skills](#)

[Ways to Support Children with Reading at Home](#)

For year 1 parents: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



4. **Reading** – unsure about some of the phrases used such as ‘phoneme, digraph and blending’ which are taught at school.

If you look on our website you will see this logo on the front page – if you click on it, the Little Wandle site will open and you will see all the resources available which will help you.

### Workshops - 2.30 to 3.10pm.

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| 1. Year 2 SATs information - <b>7 March</b>      | 2. Year 1 & 2 Maths Workshop - <b>14 March</b> |
| 3. Year 1 & 2 Reading Workshop - <b>16 March</b> | 4. Year 1 & 2 TT rock Stars - <b>21 March</b>  |

### Timetable (February & March 23)

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| February 28              | Comic Relief Letter & Information on the British Science Poster Competition  |
| March 1, 15 & 16         | <b>Strike days</b>   |
| March 3, 10 & 24         | KS1 Homework sent out – Return Monday  |
| March 3                  | Sublime Science Assembly<br>World Book day – Tokens given to children, who are NOT required to dress up for the day. |
| March 7 & 21             | Y2 outdoor shoes/wellingtons required  |
| March 7, 14, 21 & 28     | Y2 children to come in their PE kits   |
| March 8                  | Alice in Wonderland performance in school  |
| March 9 & 23             | Y1 outdoor shoes/wellingtons required  |
| March 9, 23 & 30         | Y1 children to come in their PE kits   |
| March 10 & 24            | KS1 Homework sent out – return Monday  |
| <b>March 13 &amp; 20</b> | <b>KS1 books to be sent home</b>   |
| March 17 & 31            | Y2 homework sent out – return Monday   |
| March 17                 | Comic Relief Day - Science Poster Competition due date   |
| March 29                 | Y1 homework sent out – return Wednesday  |

| Actions to be taken                                      | Purpose   | date                     |
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| Workshops (see dates above)                              | To support parents understanding of areas of the curriculum                                   | As above                 |
| Books to be sent home on 13 & 20 March                   | To show parents/carers the areas of the curriculum their child is learning and their progress | 13 & 20 March            |
| Key dates as above to be provided beginning of each term | To ensure parents/carers have notice of dates when events will be taking place                | As above to Easter break |

Kind regards,

U Patel

Headteacher