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Dear Parents

### Year 1 Information

#### Swimming

Swimming in Year 1 will be on **Thursdays**. It will start next week on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

#### PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** every week. It would be great if you could ensure your child has their PE kit and their PE kit includes plimsoles. I would normally send PE kits home each half term as the children do not tend to get very dirty, however if you wish to wash your child's PE kit more frequently please do ask them to bring it home when you require it.

#### Wellies/Trainers

With the rainy weather approaching children can bring in a spare pair of trainers or wellies for playing on the field. Please can you ensure that they are kept in school in a school bag and are clearly labeled.

#### Reading

Reading still continues in Year 1 however the reading set up will look very different to reception. As a teacher I very often read with children but not with their home reading book, so comments from myself will be less frequent than you have received in reception. Please do not hesitate to speak to me or write a note regarding their reading progress if you have any concerns.

If your child wishes to change their reading book they will be required to put their red reading folder in the change the book box. I do not expect children to read every night, they should be enjoying lots of different books at home to engage them and get them

exciting about all types of books. I would say at least 3 times a week would be more than enough.

To improve your child's reading there are many factors which can support their learning. A child needs to enjoy and talk about books as much as learning to read words. In your book bag I will also include a reading prompt which can support you when reading at home with your child.

### Flashcards

In the next few weeks your child will also come home with some flashcards. These flashcards generally tend to be tricky words that need to be learnt off by heart. Very often these can be enjoyable to learn if you make into a race game or play matching pairs with the words.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Mrs Springthorpe