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Dear Parents of children in Dormouse Class,

Happy New Year! I hope it will be a healthy, happy and peaceful 2022 for you and yours.

I am really impressed with the way your children settled down into life in Year 1 last term. They have all made great progress and I am looking forward to a busy, but fun Spring Term.

I would like to bring the following to your attention, which I hope will be useful for you to know.

Reading/ book bags – books will continue to be changed every day if they have been completed at home. Please sign the planner and also include any comments you may have about your child's reading as a result of you hearing them. Please read with your child as often as you can. At school we recommend at least 4 times a week.

Please let them know of any forms/letters you have popped in their book bag for school attention, so that these are not missed— thank you! The planners will continue to be used as the primary source of communication to and from Dormouse Class along with Class Dojo. Please only contact the office in an emergency rather than as way of passing on a message, thank you.

Home Learning – weekly spellings will continue to be given every Friday and should be learnt for the following Friday. The words that come home are now expected to be applied correctly in all written work. Although we include spelling activities in class most days, many of your children rely on the support you are able to give them to learn weekly spellings. In addition, this term we will be starting to use Doodle Maths. In school we will 'test' the children individually to assess at what level they should access Doodle Maths. We will then notify you of passwords etc. The children will then be expected to use this at home to practice Maths they already know. However please note that the Doodle Maths programme may ask questions that we have not yet covered in Year 1.

PE - We will continue to have PE on Fridays. Please ensure your child's PE kit is **named and always in school**. Kit at this time of year, as we are inside due to the weather, is T shirt, shorts and **daps** please.

Water bottles – please can you continue to support your child by giving them a named water bottle everyday which has a spout so that they can keep it on their table for frequent access.

Swimming – please refer to the detailed Class Dojo I sent out before Christmas and the message sent yesterday with notes about this. Thank you.

This term our learning is based around '**Traction Man is here**' by Mini Grey. Please see the attached sheet for more details.

Finally, as I am sure many of you know, we as a school sponsor a child called Ashlyn, who is 7 and lives in the Philippines. This is with the charity Compassion UK. The cost of her monthly sponsorship is the responsibility of each class in turn and in January it is the turn of Dormouse Class. Consequently, I would be grateful for your support as the children raise money to meet this by hosting an unwanted **Christmas Present Tombola on Thursday 20th January**. The idea is that children (and parents!) are invited to send in new, but unloved Christmas presents that we can use in a tombola. Any unwanted gifts are welcome, however please be mindful of the school context of the event. Please send in any contributions as soon as possible. Thank you!

Your partnership in the education of your child is greatly appreciated. Finally please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in anyway.

With kind regards

Mrs Dorothy Robinson