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Dear Year 1 families,

We have all settled in well to the new year in Year One and we are delighted with the progress the children are continuing to make.

The main theme this term will be the seven continents of the world, with a focus on rainforests and looking after our planet. We will be looking at a range of interesting fiction and non-fiction texts as part of our English work, which will help us to discover more about the world around us. As Artists, we will be learning about warm and cool colours and will be creating artwork inspired by Henri Rousseau. As Scientists, we will be learning about types of animals and sorting them in different ways, using vocabulary such as herbivores or carnivores. In our Geography work we will become explorers and learn about each continent, considering the climates, landmarks and animals. We will be thinking very carefully about how we can look after our planet, particularly the rainforests. In DT, we will continue to explore food from different countries and begin to think about how the climate affects the food that is grown. We will also be creating our own shoebox habitats with moving parts!

Reading

We would like to thank you for all your support with your child's learning at home. We would also like to remind you about the importance of **daily** reading. Please record each time you read in your child's yellow diary. The phonics folder is key in consolidating phonics learning in class, so please regularly look back through these with your child. Studies show that children who are 'read to' using texts beyond their own reading capability make accelerated progress, so please do not forget the value of daily bedtime stories. This is a great time to enjoy the Dream Reads books together.

*You will soon receive information about the Gloucestershire 'Look Who's Talking' competition that we are taking part in. All KS1 children are invited to prepare a **2 minute talk** about a subject of their choice. The winner will then go through to represent the school in an inter-school competition. Please see the letter from Mrs James for more information.*

We would like to thank you all for your continued support.

The Year 1 team

