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Dear Year 1 Parents,

What a great start to the school year! Our children have all settled into school and already see themselves as young readers, writers and mathematicians! Our Year 7 buddies have also ensured the children feel happy and secure in their school environment.

Our parent information evening is Wednesday 11 February – details are in the newsletter. Over the course of Year 1 we will be studying 4 units of work. These are Families, Forest Kingdom, Australiana, and lastly Marine Studies. Each term we will provide you with an update on topics to be covered during the term. You may also occasionally receive updates from your child's teacher on matters relating specifically to their class, for example parent helpers or sight word lists.

Literacy:

Through the unit "Families" we will be listing, labelling, and sharing stories. In both reading and writing we will focus on

- One-to-one correspondence
- Spacing between words
- Understanding the link between sounds, words and sentences
- Capital letters at the beginning of our names and sentences
- Matching sounds with letters
- Sight words

Maths:

At Fig Tree Pocket State School we use the "Go Maths" program. During each term all five strands of the syllabus will be addressed. These are Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement, Chance and Data and Space. Learning experiences in first term will focus on

- Exploring and analysing numbers zero to ten
- Exploring 2D and 3D shapes
- Developing pattern awareness
- Exploring length
- Exploring relative position

Our Science, SOSE, Arts and Technology will all tie in with each term unit.

Special events

- Teddy Bears Picnic – This is the culminating activity for our Families unit of work. Each class will conduct their own afternoon during the last week of this term.
- Easter Hat Parade – This is usually in the week leading up to Good Friday.
- Easter Hat making – You are very welcome to come along the day before the parade to make Easter hats with the children. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

We hope this letter provides you with an insight into our exciting term. We look forward to working with you to support our children socially, emotionally, physically and academically.

Kind Regards,

Gillian Springall and Loody Stewart