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## **Year 1 & 2 Welcome Back**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At last we are all going to be back together and we can't wait! Before we let you know what we are going to be up to for the next few weeks, we just want to say an enormous thank you for all the hard work you have put in to the home learning. It is such a hard thing to do, especially for the younger children, who need so much adult support. We have had lots of fun issuing out virtual house points to parents but in all seriousness we can't thank you enough. It has been a pleasure to see all their work and the progress so many have made.

As Mr Brown has already explained, the timetable and organisation will be very much as it was in the Autumn Term, with "Bubbles", plenty of hand washing, social distancing and a staggered start and end to the day.

We are going to have a few settling in days where the children will stay in their main classes all day doing lots of fun activities. We appreciate that for some children the separation from parents may be tricky after so long at home, so we will be making sure the children get time to celebrate all the wonderful things about being at home and at school. As part of this settling in process, the children will also be planting sunflowers around the school. We will be doing lots of craft activities linked to our Castles topic and spending time getting back into the classroom routines.

Maths and English learning will resume from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and our usual afternoon learning will continue to be all about Castles until we get closer to Easter when we will be moving into Easter themed learning. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning about different jobs in medieval castles, have an opportunity to write an interview with the queen and learning about how castle defences worked. Alongside this we will be continuing with all our dance, outdoor games and Music learning.

You can be assured that we will be spending lots of time outside, meeting up with our friends and generally getting used to being back at school. Jungle team are a robust little bunch and we are sure that even if they are a little nervous about returning that this will be short lived.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday and giving everyone the chance to get back to some form of "normality"!

All the best

Key Stage 1 Team

