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We pray together. We play together. We learn together.

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

A wonderful way to start the term with a little bit of sunshine and lots of time in the garden! I am so impressed with the grown up way the children have dealt with the changes this week. There have been 31 very hard working children this week and I am very proud of them all.

Literacy

We have been thinking about holidays this week as part of our **Come and See explore week** and Literacy. We have enjoyed planning a holiday for Lenny to go in a special booklet. We loved sharing our favourite holidays with each other and telling everyone about what we did over the Easter holidays. First we talked about where he would go then how he would get there and what he would pack. For our Big Write we wrote a postcard from Lenny and talked about all the amazing things he did on his holiday like sunbathing, swimming and going on day trips. Some amazing writing this week, well done Year One!

Maths

This week we talked about halves and quarters of objects, shapes and amounts. We learnt that Fraction means part of a whole and that fractions must be equal. The children split up cakes into halves which is 2 parts of a whole and quarters which is 4 parts of a whole. When we were looking at halves and quarters of different amounts we talked about sharing with others for example, if we had 8 sweets and had to split the amount into quarters it would be like splitting it between 4 people. Through our problem solving we discovered we can only halve an amount equally if it is an even number and we can only split an amount into quarters if the number is even and a multiple of 4.

Letters and Sounds

We are revising Phase 5 sounds this half term. This week we have revised ay, ou, ea and ie.

Homework

At this point in the year we would expect children to be familiar with most of the sounds in Phase 5 and we assess the children on these sounds regularly. I have included these for your reference and sound mats similar to these were given out at the last Parents Evening. Please continue to practice these sounds with your child in addition to their homework this half term to increase their recognition of Phase 5 sounds in their reading. If your child is still working on Phase 3 sounds please also practice these with them regularly as a priority. Giving children highlighters/colouring pens to circle or highlight the sounds before they read will ensure that they begin to recognise these digraphs and split digraphs in words instead of sounding out the individual sounds.

The homework this week is to cut out all the sentences and pictures, read the sentences and match them to the pictures. Please send this homework in to school as evidence that it has been completed.

Outstanding Snack

Please can you ensure that any outstanding snack money is paid to school asap. Snack from the previous terms not only pays for the children's snack at school but also funds our tea, coffee and treats for events such as Father's Day and allows us to give the children these opportunities throughout the year. Thank you.

Learning Stories

I will be sending out Learning Stories at the weekend and will send all the stories from the beginning of January so you have a complete overview of the Spring term.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit with them. We will be doing PE twice a week and children will all require pumps as we will be doing PE outside as we practice for Sports Day.

Snack

Children are now required to bring a snack into school for morning break. We ask that this is a healthy snack and do not allow the children to bring in chocolate or sweets. Many thanks.

Golden Time

Children will now have Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. Children are allowed to bring something in on a Friday for this time however please can I ask that no electronic devices are brought in (e.g tablets, Nintendo DS etc).

Children will earn Golden Time minutes throughout the week by following the school rules. If children receive a yellow card they will have 5 minutes taken off their Golden Time. If they receive a red card they will have 15 minutes taken off their Golden Time.

Diary Dates

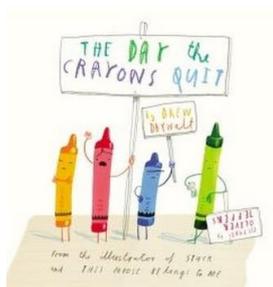
The Gruffalo's Child trip - 19th May 2015

Thank you for your continued support,

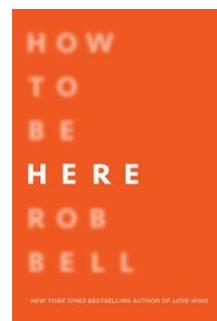
Mrs Mitchell, Miss Cook ☺

We love to read!

Year One have been reading:



Mrs Mitchell is currently reading:



What are you reading at home?