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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week we have had together! There have been pirates in the garden, fairies in the small world, wizards in the mud kitchen and lots of arrests with the Police role play! I had some very thorough questioning from a group of children about a theft but thankfully it was a case of stolen identity and it was Miss Cook after all!!

Literacy

Our work about *The Tempest* continues as we explore and talk about the themes and characters. This week in particular we have thought about how we can describe the characters, creating sentences verbally; an important thing to learn before we are able to scribe them. We also learnt about the word 'setting' and for our Big Draw this week we drew the setting of the story which was an island. We learnt that an island is a land formation surrounded by water.

Maths

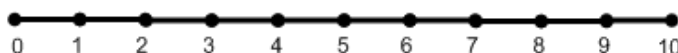
In Maths we have looked at addition and subtraction, something which the children have carried on in their play. We have also learnt the different signs that make up a number sentence or calculation. On Monday and Tuesday we looked at addition + and on Wednesday and Thursday we looked at subtraction -. We learnt that there are many words that mean addition and subtraction so we tried to use different vocabulary throughout the week. We have also been adding and subtracting using a number line and practicing this in our play by making a number line and jumping forwards and backwards during the provision time.

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This weekend we will send out the learning stories from the last couple of weeks. There have been some lovely things going on in the classroom and it's fascinating to watch the children's different learning styles and interests come through in their play!

Homework

Our maths homework this week will be to collect 5 objects from around the house and practice adding and taking away. I will send 5 number lines home with the children for them to practice this on. When we count on we do the jumps at the top of the number line and when we count back we do the jumps at the bottom of the number line, like this:



If your child would like to record their number sentences using written methods (1+3=4) then please encourage them to show you how they have learnt how to do this at school this week. ☺ They could do this on the back of their sheet.

Come and See

In our Come and See programme we are thinking about Families and would love some family photos to put on our Come and See board. I have shared pictures of my own family with the children and we have talked to the children about how each family is different and how we care for one another. We have been learning about how God cares for each family and looking at a Psalm that gives thanks for the way He does this.

Letters and Sounds

This week we have been revising sounds we learnt with Mrs Evans and this week we have looked at the sounds j, w, x, v as part of our revision. Next week we will continue to practice the Phase 3 sounds and will be looking for these these in our guided read groups.

Snack Money

Just a friendly reminder that if you have not yet handed in snack money this half term it is £10.50 per child, please put this in an envelope in your child's book bag. If you have not yet paid for last year's outstanding snack, Mrs Evans has sent a letter home.

PE

Year One will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Please label all PE Kits (including shoes and shirts!) to ensure your child goes home in the correct uniform. As Mrs Evans mentioned in Reception, asking your child to dress themselves at home will help them to get into the routine of changing for PE. Thank you.

Uniform

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and that all items of uniform are *clearly marked* with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Also, please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times. We ask that PE Kits, water bottles, coats and all uniform are labelled.

Home-Learning Stories

If you would like to share some learning from home with us we would be delighted to hear about it. To send us photos or a Pic Collage please follow the instructions below:
1. Take your video/ photo, and open it in the device gallery. Select 'action' icon in the bottom corner
2. Select the 'mail' option, and send to the email address: inbox@2buildaprofile.com. (Your email account will remember the address once you have written it once) Select the mail option. If you are emailing from a PC, create a new email and upload the file as an attachment. Put your child's full name in the email subject (this will send the video directly into the child's portfolio) and any notes in the body of the email. The photo will then automatically go straight into your child's learning journey file and we will be able to share it with them and the rest of the class.

It's great to see all the lovely things you get up to at the weekend or on your holidays and the progress the children make outside of the classroom so please do continue to send information in however please can we request just one learning story a week.
Thank you ☺

Twitter

Our Reception Year One account is @recyear1hfc.

Questions and appointments

If you have anything you would like to discuss about your child throughout the year please feel free to contact me. However it is very difficult to talk at 8:55am when collecting the children from the playground or at 3:15pm when dismissing the children so where possible, please arrange an appointment by contacting the office during the school day.

Afterschool Clubs

These will start next week and continue until Christmas.

Wellies

The children need a pair of wellington boots to wear in the outside area: these must have your child's name inside and need to be kept in school. Please send a pair of wellies into school to ensure the children can have access to the outdoors in the winter months.

Lining Up

Our morning routine on the playground is such that when the bell goes at 8.55am children are required to line up straight away. I'm sure you can understand when teachers lead children into class it is a busy time so please can we ask that younger siblings are supervised at all times. We ask that the ramp and stairs to the Rec/Year One and Year Two classes are not used at this time.

Coffee Morning

Our Coffee Morning is Thursday 24th September at 9.15am. This is a great opportunity to get to know Miss Cook and I and find out more about what we will be learning about in Year One this year.

Lastly, thank you for your patience with me as I send the children out at the end of the day! I know I haven't had the chance to speak to every parent individually yet but I will soon be recognising all your faces and hope to meet with you all at the coffee morning to get to know you better.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺

Diary Dates

Year One Coffee Morning - Thursday 24th September - 9.15am
After School Clubs start next week