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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Literacy

This week as part of World Book Day we have been studying an author. We loved Oliver Jeffers book *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* when Mrs Mitchell brought it in before Christmas. It made us laugh so much! A boy who eats books! Who would've thought it!

We decided to look at Oliver Jeffers for our special author this week and explore his other books and what his writing style is like. We talked about other books he had written like *Lost and Found*, *Up and Down*, *Stuck*, *The Great Paper Caper*, *That Moose Belongs to Me* and *The Way Back Home*. We decided that often Oliver Jeffers writes about boys. He is funny, does lovely illustrations and likes to write about animals.

For our Big Draw this week we planned a story featuring two characters that we were going to create ourselves as a class. We had to create the characters first and make them a character profile, then we planned a story based on those two characters and wrote our story in our very own book. We were fantastic authors and illustrators and had lots of fun thinking of WOW words to describe our characters.

Maths

Letters and Sounds

This week we have been learning again about alternative sounds that digraphs might make in different words.

We looked at the ow sound in *cow*, *frown* and *owl* and the alternative sound in *low*, *bow* and *show*.

We looked at the ie sound in *tie*, *fried*, *replied* and the alternative sound in *chief*, *shriek*, *belief*.

We looked at the ea sound in *meat*, *treat*, *defeat* and the alternative sound in *deaf*, *dread*.

We looked at the er sound in *herb*, *kerb*, *germ* and the alternative sound in *feather*, *hammer* and *letter*.

We also learnt the tricky words water, where, who, again, thought, through, work and mouse. Phase 5 is very busy!

Come and See

This week we started our new topic which is Change. We looked at a very funny picture of a little girl and we all laughed when Mrs Mitchell told us stories about the little girl and how she was quite cheeky and how her teachers told her mummy and daddy that she was always chatting! Straight away we knew it was Mrs Mitchell!

Next week we will be talking about how we can change and relate this to Lent and the opportunities we have to reflect during Lent.

Learning Stories

I will be sending out Learning Stories this weekend.

RARA Books - Changing books!

Please note that RARA books will be changed on a Monday from now on. You will come into the hall at 8.45 as normal. Children will be given a mixture of books for the week. Please ensure that you are reading with your child regularly and that you are writing comments in your child's book to show that this is happening.

Suggested Activities:

Snack Money

Snack Money this half term will be £6.00 - please send into school in an envelope labelled with your child's name asap. Thank you very much.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell, Miss Cook ☺