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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

A big thank you to those of you who were able to come to the Coffee Morning! It was lovely to meet so many of you and talk through the year ahead. For those of you who were not able to make it, I talked through the first Newsletter I sent home and the expectations for Year One children. I have given out the Powerpoint to those of you who I know couldn't make it.

Literacy

This week we have been going dinosaur crazy! We have read Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs and have been learning some dinosaur facts. We learn that a fact is something that is true and can be related to a topic that you want to know something about. We looked at where we could find out information about particular subjects and had a look at some information about Harry's dinosaurs on Google, in books and by asking an expert and we had a few of those in class this week!

For our Big Draw this week we drew our own dinosaurs and labelled them. Lots of fantastic work!

Maths

In Maths this week we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have practiced being true mathematicians and have been trying to prove to Mrs Mitchell that a square is a square and a triangle is a triangle through explaining and discussing our reasons. We have had great fun this week and have been laughing at Mrs Mitchell all week. How silly, of course that's not a rectangle Mrs Mitchell it has 4 equal sides! We have also been looking at different types of triangles and learning that even a triangle without 3 equal sides is still a triangle. The work we have been doing on 2D shapes will prepare us for later learning about 3D shapes and their names and properties.

2Simple

Learning Stories from the last fortnight will be sent out next weekend.

Homework

Our maths homework this week will be to set up a Museum of Shapes in your home! Please set up a museum/shop with a collection of different shapes you have found around your home. Are they 2D? Are they 3D? Please send a photo or Learning Story to the 2Simple app to evidence that this has been done, there is no written task. Those children who show that they have understood 2D shapes can investigate 3D shapes in the home. If you are unable to access 2Simple at this stage (and weren't

able to speak to me about it at the coffee morning) then please let us know. Thank you.

Come and See

This week has been our second Reveal week. We have looked at some Psalms and continued talking about how God loves us because we are his family. The children enjoyed singing My Lighthouse which they absolutely love! The video is on youtube here if you would like to hear their gorgeous singing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU>

Children's Independence

Please note that in Year One children are continually encouraged to become more independent. Part of this independence is collecting their own belongings at the end of the day and emptying their book bags in the morning. I am sure you can appreciate that when Miss Cook and I are letting children out at the end of the day it is a really busy time. We have stressed to the children that in Year One they are responsible for emptying their book bags and collecting their things at the end of the day.

Please can we ask that you speak to your child about this at home and encourage them to do these things. Please can we also ask that parents wait until all the children are gone before coming up the steps to speak to us. We are happy to help but need to ensure that all children go home safely with their parents before we deal with anything that the children may have left behind. Thank you in advance, this would really help us.

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.

Wellies

Some children are still without these at school. As the grass on our playground is particularly muddy after rain this will ensure children can still access the outdoor area. Thank you. ☺

Uniform

Please ensure all cardigans and jumpers have your child's name on. Your child is responsible for collecting their cardigan from the playground at lunchtime and from their peg at home time. All cardigans from the playground are handed to the office staff by our lunchtime welfare staff.

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.

Rejoice

Throughout the year each year group invites Parents to take part in a class Rejoice where we respond to and celebrate all we have learnt in our Come and See topic. This term it is our turn for our Rejoice about Families. The Rejoice will be 16th October.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺

Diary Dates

Year One Rejoice - 16th October