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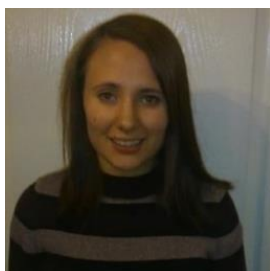
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*We pray together. We play together. We learn together.*

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week my teaching percentage has increased and I have had the pleasure of teaching Maths, English, Letters and Sounds and Come and See. Year One are such a lovely class and are so enthusiastic and eager to participate in every lesson. Mrs Mitchell asked me to write the newsletter this week to let you all know the fabulous things they have been doing.



## English

This week in English we have been reading some of Beatrix Potter's classic stories. We loved the Tale of Peter Rabbit, the Tale of Tom Kitten and The Story of Miss Moppet. We thought of lots of questions we wanted to know the answers to about Beatrix Potter, "Where did she live?", "Was she an illustrator as well as an author?" and "How many books did she write?". As part of our Computing focus day on Tuesday we spent the first part of the day researching on the internet and found the answer to all these questions as well as lots of other interesting facts about Beatrix Potter. Later in the day we made our own animated Beatrix Potter characters using the iPad's.

In our Big Draw we chose our favourite character out of the Beatrix Potter books we have read and described what kind of personality they have. We thought of some fantastic WOW words to describe the characters.

## Computing Day

On our computing day we had a great time learning about directional language and giving computers information through algorithms. We learnt the word 'debugging' and that it means fixing a problem that happens on the computer.

We loved using the Macs to research Beatrix Potter and learning facts about her life. We were very good at this and used child-friendly search engines and feeding back the information to our friends.

## Maths

This week in Maths we have been learning about and investigating time. We have learned how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Every day we investigated Captain Hook's problem. On Wednesday Captain Hook made a timetable of the activities Miss George had done on but made quite a few mistakes. For example, next to a picture of Miss George eating her Fairtrade breakfast at half past 9 Captain Hook had drawn a clock that said half past 2. In fact, he drew the time wrong for every activity! It is such a good job that Year One are fantastic problem solvers and were able to explain how to move the hands on the clock to correct the time for Captain Hook!

## Letters and Sounds

This week we have worked very hard in Letters and Sounds and noticed that the same letter can sometimes make three different sounds! We looked at some of the sounds we already know from Phase 2 Letters and Sounds and then applied this to our reading by looking at alternative ways they can be said:

We looked at the 'a' sound in hat and then two alternative ways that 'a' can be said. We looked at the way it is said in apron and bacon and the way it is said in was and what.

We looked at the 'y' sound in yellow and yes and then two alternative ways that 'y' can be said. We looked at the way it is said in sky and why and the way it is said in gym and funny.

We looked at the 'ch' sound in church and chick and then two alternative ways 'ch' can be said. We looked at the way it is said in chemist and chord and the way it is said in chef and machine.

## Come and See

This week in RE we have learned lots about the month of Lent. We have learned that it is a time to reflect and 'grow as a person'. We have all thought of a way we can 'grow as a person' over Lent. All parents will be very pleased to know that lots of children have decided to 'grow as a person' as a person by helping their Mummy's and Daddy's with housework 😊

## Learning Stories

Mrs Mitchell will be sending out Learning Stories over the Easter break.

## Suggested Homework Activities:

- Can your child tell you a story? Remember they do not have to write it down at this stage. Maybe you could be their scribe and they can tell you what to write? Lots of children have done this in the provision over the last fortnight. They have enjoyed using the toys they have been playing with as characters in the story and taking photos of the toys in action to illustrate their story. I have heard some fab stories about sharks, Anglo-Saxons, cats and dogs! I am amazed at their fabulous imaginations and at the WOW words they are able to use when I scribe for them.
- Next week we will be learning how to do simple multiplication. Can your children put their teddies or toys into groups? Maybe the toys could sit in groups of 4 and the children could count 3 groups of 4? That way they will have worked out  $3 \times 4$  in a fun practical way.

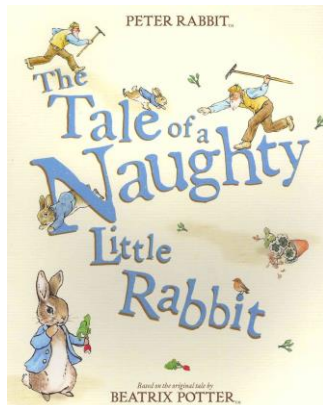
## Snack Money

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.

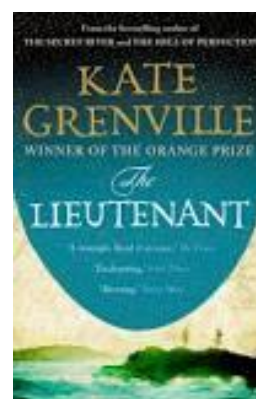
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Mitchell, Miss Cook and Miss George ☺

# We love to read!

Year One have been reading:



Miss George is currently reading:



## What are you reading at home?