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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been doing lots of hard work this week in our English, Maths and have been thinking about our senses in our Science work. I wonder what sights, smells, tastes and sounds you will encounter this weekend!

## English

This week we did lots of work around the story of The Enormous Turnip. We had our own little booklet and each day did something different to do with the story. The first day we looked at the characters and looked at pictures of them and described what they looked like, next we talked about the beginning, middle and end of the story, then the setting and then we changed the story ending. All of the children worked hard. Some children are finding it challenging sometimes to finish all of our work in the session because we are still getting used to our longer Literacy lessons but are now getting used to the idea of following instructions for our group and working independently sometimes to complete a task.

## Maths

We have been looking at place value this week and looking at numbers and splitting them up into groups of tens and units (also known as 1's). We looked at 2 digit numbers and looked at each digit to see what it represents. We had to use the word digit to talk about each one rather than number as we weren't talking about the whole number.

We did what is called partitioning where we split up the tens in a number and the ones to show it as an addition number sentence. For example the number 27 can be partitioned into 2 groups of 10 and 7 ones/units.

We can write this as  $10+10+7=27$  or  $20+7=27$

## Letters and Sounds

In Phase 5 we are revising sounds. We have revised the sounds ew, oe, au, wh, ph, ey and the tricky words said, so, have, like.

## Science

This week we have been learning about our 5 senses. This will continue into next week. We have talked about how all our bodies are different but have lots of similarities and how we all use our senses every day. We have explored taste this week by talking about our favourite things to eat and all the different types of tastes that we can experience such as sweet, sour and salty tastes.

## Homework

Homework is due in the Friday after it has been given. You do not have to complete homework over the weekend if you would rather do it during the following week that is fine. Please do work *with* your child on the activities to support their understanding.

Homework this week is a problem solving activity. Using the one digit number cards, I would like children to create 2 digit numbers.

### 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

Bank Holiday Monday - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

The Gruffalo's Child trip - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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?