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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a very busy week this week with lots of activities as part of our lessons and in the continuous provision. We have also welcomed a new teacher Miss Tobin this week into Reception/Year One to help us and she has been getting to know the children this week and really getting involved.

Literacy

This week we looked at the story of The Little Red Hen and practiced using actions as a storytelling technique to help us recall the different parts of the story. We used Pie Corbett's Little Red Hen clip from YouTube. He is a literacy consultant and storyteller who has done a lot of work relating to talk for writing. This is something I mentioned at our Coffee Morning, that children must have competent skills in speaking and listening before they are able to produce great quality writing. We have had great fun learning the story by heart; perhaps you could ask your child to tell you the story this weekend or look it up on YouTube to join in too!

We learnt about a different version of the story too where The Little Red Hen makes a pizza instead of some bread! We made our own pizzas and followed instructions to help us to do this, choosing our own topics. Yum Yum!

For our Big Draw this week we did a recount of the original story and drew a picture of each of the stages of The Little Red Hen's bread making. The children produced some fantastic quality work and really showed an understanding of the

Maths

We have been looking at addition and subtraction again this week and have discussed that no matter which way round the numbers are in an addition sum, the answer is the same e.g. $7+2=9$, $2+7=9$. We have also talked about strategies that help us to get to the answer in an efficient way. We learnt that efficient means quick and that we can do this by starting with the biggest number in the number sentence. For example the children were shocked to discover that they have the mathematical knowledge to do $2 + 97 = 99$ by starting with the biggest number and counting on.

We also did this for subtraction by counting back. We found this a bit trickier so will be revisiting this in a few weeks time.

Homework

This week's homework will be to complete the Trigraph Spotting sheet.

Come and See

Please bring in family photos for the children's Come and See board. We have finished our topic on families this week and had a lovely Collective Worship where we said our own prayers of thanks for our families and the wonderful things we do together.

Letters and Sounds

This week we have revised the trigraphs 'ear' 'ure' and 'air'. When you are reading your RARA books with your child ask them if they can spot any of these sounds in their stories! Usually the trigraphs are the sounds that the children find hard to see within other words for example, hearing so I have also sent home some spot the trigraph sheets for the children to look out for.

Jumpers/Cardigans

A friendly message just to remind you about naming all of your child's uniform. Please let us know if you are still missing a jumper or cardigan and talk to your child about putting their jumpers and cardigans on their pegs during lunch times as this seems to be the time that they go missing when the children leave them on the playground. Also please label all uniform for easy allocation during PE changes! All cardigans from the playground are handed to the office staff by our lunchtime welfare staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Multisports - School Uniform

Children who attend Multisports do not have to wear their PE Kits but can wear comfy clothes from home with trainers. Please ensure whatever they wear it is labelled with their name. Thank you.

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. ☺

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