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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well we are over half way through this half term and continue to be busy and learning lots of new things in Year One!

## Literacy

This week we have been learning all about Autumn and this has allowed us to link our Science with our Literacy lessons. We looked around our school grounds on Tuesday to collect evidence of Autumn time and had a tick list of things to look out for. We loved collecting leaves and identifying them back in class using a leaf spotter on the Interactive Whiteboard and during our Big Draw we drew a picture of ourselves during Autumn time and what clothes we would wear, labelling our picture with words we can sound out such as h-a-t.

Last year we mentioned that at Delamere Forest there is a Gruffalo Trail which looks very exciting! The website tells us that it is still on at the moment. Perhaps if you have time at the weekend or during half term you would like to visit and take the trail, looking for signs of Autumn. On the forestry website (<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/delamere>) you can find some lovely autumn activity sheets that encourage children to look at and identify the seeds and leaves they find in the forest. I would absolutely love to see your photos if you do go so please email me them, I have told the children how much I love the Gruffalo and I am sure it would be a lovely day out during the holidays.

## Maths

This week we have been practicing our number bonds. We have been recognising that two numbers can be added together to make a total and learning how we can record this. Some of us noticed that when we record a calculation such as  $1 + 3 = 4$  that we can also use this addition calculation to work out  $4 - 3 = 1$ .

We have been playing a game using conkers to add numbers together on a 10 number square using a dice. We had to work out how many we would need to get on the dice to fill up the dice after taking it in turns.

We also collected 5 beautiful leaves from the outside areas and brought them back to class to share them between two circles. We had to split the group of 5 into two groups and recorded what we had done.

## Homework

This week's homework will be to go on an Autumn walk! We have included a lovely Gruffalo sheet for you to complete at the weekend! We hope you have fun spotting signs of Autumn.

### **Come and See**

This week we have started our topic on Belonging. We have been exploring where we feel we belong and talking about what it feels like to belong. The children designed their own school badge based on our school motto 'We pray, play and learn together'.

### **Letters and Sounds**

This week we have revised the sounds 'ow' 'ur' 'oi' and have been practicing recognising the Phase 3 sounds that we have covered so far. We have also practiced reading and spelling the tricky word 'you' and have been reading captions.

### **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 and jumpers from the playground are handed to the office staff by our lunchtime welfare staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **After School Club**

Please note that if children would like to attend an after school club then the school require written permission. We can pass on a form if you'd like to request a place. Many thanks.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺

### **Diary Dates**

Year One Rejoice - 16<sup>th</sup> October