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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another sunny week. We are creeping ever closer to the final half term in Year One and are still packing it full with exciting learning.

## English

Following on from last week's work on Roger McGough's poetry we have been looking at the city closets to us and the place he is from, Liverpool!

We talked about the word landmark and learnt that it is a significant place in a town, city or village. We talked about the Metropolitan Cathedral and researched facts about who built it and what it is used for in preparation for our visit next week. We have really enjoyed learning about landmarks this week and for our Big Write we had a fantastic time designing a new landmark for Liverpool city centre! We came up with some fabulous ideas.

We hope that next week we can spot some of the places we researched and wrote about!

## Maths

This week we have continued our work about the 4 operations. We have been developing a depth of understanding about number by looking at two step problems. One of them was as follows:

Can you use the number cards to fill in the number sentence? You can only use the card once!

Number cards: 10, 7, 2, 1, 19, 8

Operations cards: +, =, -

Seeing number sentences in different ways like this helps us to understand that the symbol = means equal to. The number sentences have got to balance and equal the same but can be written like these using different operations. We looked at other ways to represent number like this using the operations and exploring different possibilities to practice our reasoning skills.

## Letters and Sounds

This week we have been continuing to practice the Phase 5 and Phase 3 sounds and used our knowledge and understanding to practice two syllable words that we call compound words. We can read these by splitting up the words into two. For example: beehive, farmyard, playground etc.

### Topic

In our topic work this week we have focused on Geography skills and have been comparing the city of Liverpool to the city of Shanghai. We have enjoyed speaking to Mrs Evans who has visited Shanghai and learnt how the buildings and skyline have both similarities and differences to Liverpool.

### Homework

The children's homework is a problem solving question similar to what we have been doing in class.

**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.**

### The Gruffalo Trip

The coach will pick the children up from school and take us to the city centre where we will learn about the Door of Mercy at the Metropolitan Cathedral. We will go through the door and have our lunch at the Cathedral and then we will go onwards to the Epstein Theatre for a 1.30 performance. The show lasts for 50 minutes and so the children will finish school at the usual time. **Thank you to those of you who offered to help with the trip, we appreciate your support and apologise that we could not accommodate all parent helpers. We hope you can join your child for a trip in the future.**

### Diary Dates

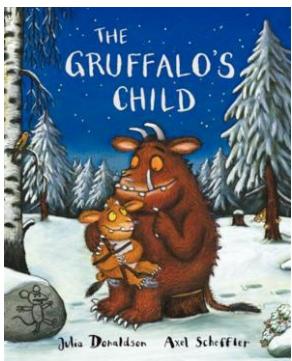
The Gruffalo's Child trip - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Thank you for your continued support,

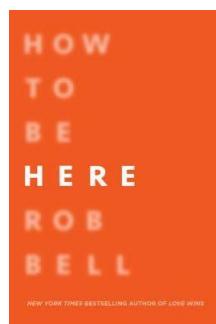
Mrs Mitchell, Miss Cook ☺

## We love to read!

Year One have been reading:



Mrs Mitchell is currently reading:



What have you been  
reading at home?