



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

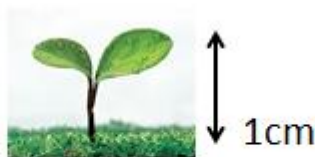
Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were able to help with the school trip. We had a lovely (very busy) day and it was made even better by the behaviour of the children. Several people at the Cathedral commented on the respectful nature of the children and we felt so proud of the way they conducted themselves at the Cathedral. Thank you children, we were glad everyone could see your uniform so they knew you were from Holy Family School.

English

We have enjoyed watching *The Gruffalo's Child* film that was on television a couple of years ago. It is the same story as the book which we have enjoyed many times but we loved the animation and talked about the bits that were added in to flesh out the text from the book. The children learnt about instructional language and time connectives this week and for our Big Write we wrote an information text called 'How to Catch a Gruffalo'. Miss Cook and I really enjoyed reading this piece of work! There were some brilliant ideas including dressing up as a lady Gruffalo and pretending to go in for a kiss but instead capturing *The Gruffalo* with a net! Oh how we smiled at the imaginative ideas! Never a dull moment when reading the children's brilliant work.

Maths

This week we have been working on our understanding of double and halving. We have taught these concepts together as they are so interlinked and have been recording our work in our new Maths books with squares in. We have had a 'hook' each day to develop the children's problem solving skills and this week it was the turn of *The Gruffalo's Child* to pose questions such as:



Each day of the week the Gruffalo's Child's tree doubles in height. This is the height yesterday which was Monday.

What height is it today? What height will it be tomorrow?

Letters and Sounds

Please can we ask that you practice the Phase 5 sounds and alien words with your child at home. This is in preparation for our Phonics Screening Check after half term. The children have been told about this but we have called it 'Show Off Week' where they will show off their fantastic understanding of Phase 3 and 5 sounds with Mrs Mitchell. The words they will be reading will be in a 'Show Off Booklet' so if you choose to talk to your child about the screening please do talk about in this way. We don't want the children to feel any pressure

that week and as far as they know it will be a normal week for them. Thank you for your support. ☺

Father's Day celebration

As you may remember from Reception, the children celebrated Mother's Day with you all with an afternoon of activities. In Year One we celebrate Father's Day by inviting the children's families and friends to join us at school. We fully appreciate that all families are different and children may wish to invite uncles or grandfathers or other significant males to the event. We are looking forward to seeing you all then and will give further details soon.

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.

Diary Dates

End of term - 27th May 2016

Return to school - 13th June 2016

Father's Day celebration - Friday 17th June 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?