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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the last week of this half term! We hope you enjoy your holidays together.

Can I please remind you all that attendance during the week of the 13-17<sup>th</sup> of June is very important. This is the week the children will complete their Phonics Screening Check and is a requirement of all Year One children across the country. The check cannot be administered outside of these dates.

You will have received a letter to say we have had to reschedule our Fathers Day afternoon to the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

## English

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May it was Africa Day. We celebrated this by learning about the continent of Africa this week. We were able to talk about lots of things such as the animals, the culture and the many different countries. The children were surprised to discover that Africa is not a country but a continent and also that some parts of Africa have immense wealth. The children have produced some fantastic writing about what it would be like if they went on a safari and we have talked about verbs and what the animals might have been doing when we viewed them from our jeep!

## Maths

We have continued working on our understanding of doubling and halving this week and used the context of measure to help us. We have been talking about capacity and that this means how much something can contain. It could be in the context of a carpark with cars in, a bottle of water with liquid in or how many people can fit in a lift. The children responded really well to our problem solving and are getting so quick at responding to problem solving questions, sharing their workings out and ideas with the rest of the class.

One of our problems this week was:



Which glass is the fullest?  
Which is nearly empty?



Correct or incorrect?

Glass C has more water in  
than Glass D.

Glass A has less water in it  
than Glass B.

## Letters and Sounds

Please can we ask that you practice the Phase 5 sounds and alien words with your child at home over the holidays. I have sent home some alien words for your child to practice. 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 - Please see letter given out at school detailing a date change.**

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.

### **Diary Dates**

End of term - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Return to school - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Fathers Day celebration - 24<sup>th</sup> 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?