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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hello again! We hope you have all had a lovely break last week and are settling back into a half term with your children. This letter will be telling you a little bit about what we will be doing in the new half term in Year One.

## Literacy

In Literacy this week we learnt the historical tale of The Gunpowder Plot and read about Guy Fawkes. In our Big Draw we drew a picture of the Houses of Parliament to show what might have happened if Guy Fawkes plan had worked! We wrote a sentence to describe what the scene would look like. We loved hearing this story - it linked with our History curriculum and the Year One children loved the excitement of the story!

## Maths

This week we have been talking about fractions in various ways. On Monday we talked about fractions of a shape and each had a circle birthday cake that we had to share with someone equally. We folded our circle and cut it in **half**. The next day we talked about **half** of an amount - this meant we had to share an amount into two. In our small groups we used counters to help us visualise what this means. On Wednesday we talked about measuring **half** of something for example how would we cut a piece of string in half? We had to remember that two halves make a whole and just because we have two pieces that doesn't mean it's a half; it must be equal. Thinking like mathematicians helps us to explain mathematical words like equal and their meanings.

## Letters and Sounds

This week we have been creating our own sentences together and mixing words around to create and change sentences. There are some lovely activities and computer games on Education City for the children to access at home that will support their understanding. If you use your log in that is in your reading books the children can look at different sounds from the different phases and complete activities online to support this.

We have been revising trigraphs like air, ear, ure and igh.

## Homework

This week I would like the children to practice using the language of halves and quarters. Some suggestions for talking about fractions at home are:

- Baking cakes/cookies/pizza. Sharing between 2 people and talking about halves or 4 people and talking about quarters.
- Sharing out sweets/fruit between 2 people or 4 people to split an amount in half and into quarters.
- Folding shapes in halves and in quarters.

If you feel that your child can understand the concept of halves and quarters then please use the language of sharing and dividing between two/four to establish the language with the children in preparation for the next time we practice fractions. If they would like to explore other fractions for example thirds or fifths then please feel free to explore this learning further and sharing between three or five.

### **Superheroes - Children in Need and Remembrance Day**

Next week we will be talking about heroes and superheroes. This will link together a number of events taking place next week. This also helps us to talk to the children about Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> as we discuss war heroes throughout history.

### **Parent Contact**

Thank you for your lovely photos you have sent in over half term. I loved seeing what you and the children have been up to. ☺

Please get in touch if you are having problems with 2Simple.

### **Labelling uniform**

Please label all items of clothing - including coats and wellies and PE kits.

### **Snack Money**

A friendly reminder that snack money for this half term is due and is £10.50.

### **Christmas Events**

There are details in the school newsletter regarding the Key Stage One Christmas Concert. This year we will be having a concert with Year Two which we will send you details about soon.

### **Dates for your diary**

Parents Evening - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺