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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hello again everyone! We hope you are settled back into the new school term and looking forward to what is ahead. Thank you for your lovely learning stories over the holidays. Please note: if you are having or have had any problems with 2Simple and know that I am not receiving your learning stories, please send your photos to the school office who will forward them to me for me to put into 2Simple manually. This seems to be the only way to solve the problem with the emails - I always share with the children what you send in so if you ask them and they haven't seen their learning story on the Interactive Whiteboard then I may not have received it. Thank you for your patience with this! ☺

## Literacy

This week our focus in Literacy and the provision has been Frozen and we have had a great week learning about the story of The Snow Queen which the Disney film is based on. It is a fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson and as we read it together we noticed the similarities and differences between the story and the Frozen story we know oh so well!

This week we have learnt a new word - adjective. We learnt that using adjectives in sentences makes them super duper and we were able to use adjectives to describe one of the characters in Frozen - the troll Bulda. We drew our own trolls for the Big Draw this week and wrote a sentence to describe what they looked like.

## Maths

As our Maths progresses throughout the year we are looking at number bonds up to 20. In the Autumn term we practiced learning number facts up to 5 and this term we will be looking first at facts up to 10 and then facts up to 20. The facts we know about bonds to 10 will help us with this.

We did lots of problem solving this week with the Frozen characters. We learnt that Olaf has his own Snowman shop! He asked us if we wanted to help him to build a snowman and each object for the snowman cost a different amount. We drew a snowman and worked out the total cost. The other Frozen

characters had told us that they loved numbers up to 10. They had told us a lot of calculations and we had to work out which ones were correct!

### Letters and Sounds

We are now on Phase 5. When a new sound is introduced it is important that children practice these at home. To help you with this I will be sending home the sounds every week separate from the newsletter. As part of the homework requirements please practice these sounds over the weekend. Many thanks.

Our new sounds this week are as follows:

ay (say, play, away)  
ou (cloud, proud, trout)  
ie (tie, fried, spies)  
ea (treat, dream, repeat)

Our tricky words are: oh, their, people.

### Come and See RE

We have begun to talk about the special people in the Church. This week we talked about some photographs of Mass on a Sunday and the people who welcome others to the service and do jobs such as give out the Bibles and help the priest prepare for the service.

### Welcome to our tropical fish!

We had

### Snack Money

Snack money for this half term is £10.50 - thank you in advance.

### Homework

Please complete the homework sheet provided. If your child finishes the worksheet independently, please move on to the challenge. Please feel free to use any resources needed for doing the worksheet - we do not expect all children to be doing these calculations independently at this stage.

### School Website

Please do check our Year One section on the school website. Each week we will be putting photographs up and the Newsletter for you to access online. There are lots of exciting things on the school website for all to read and enjoy so please make use of it. ☺

### Reading Quality Mark

As a school we are trying to promote a love of reading. If you are reading a book at home, please let the children know they can bring it in and share with

the class. Each week we will be choosing a Book Of The Week and promoting our class author Oliver Jeffers. We will also be starting to read *The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe* as a class.

### Learning Stories

I am unable to send out the fortnightly Learning Stories this weekend however they will be sent out next weekend for the first 3 weeks of this term. Thank you.

### Teaching Student

This term we have a student on the Schools Direct programme who is working in Year One. Miss George will be joining us next week and will be taking guided reading groups and progressively more teaching over her 5 week placement. You may see her in the mornings taking the children in or letting them out after school so please feel free to introduce yourself and say hello. 😊

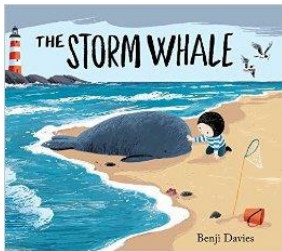
### Dates for your diary

Story Sack Meeting - Starts Monday the 11th January weekly 9.30-10.30  
Half Term - 12<sup>th</sup> February

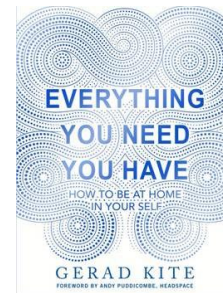
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook 😊

## We love to read!

Year One have been reading:



Mrs Mitchell is currently reading:



## What are you reading at home?

# Phase 5 Letters and Sounds

Can you read the sentences? Remember to sound out any words you don't know. Look out for the tricky words!

Do not delay unless you  
want to stay all day.

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Phase 5 - Week 1 - Monday - Applying

Will you see clouds in  
the mountains?

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Phase 5 - Week 1 - Tuesday - Applying

She replied that their cat  
had been found.

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Phase 5 - Week 1 - Thursday - Applying

We sit on a seat and read  
books near the sea.

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Phase 5 - Week 1 - Friday - Applying