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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

The weeks are zooming past as we begin to prepare for Christmas! We have been practicing our songs for the concert and I'm sure a few of you have been hearing the beautiful humming of some familiar songs from the children! We are all so excited to show you what we have been preparing with Year 2.

Literacy

We have had a very exciting week as we have begun to look at the topic of Space. This week in Literacy we enjoyed learning about Space. We had some very knowledgeable members of our class who knew much more than me about space and it was great for them to have the opportunity to share their facts and understanding with the rest of the class. This week we read the Oliver Jeffers story *The Way Back Home*. In this book the boy travels to the moon in an aeroplane and meets a Martian who he helps to get back to his planet. We talked about whether it was possible for an aeroplane to reach the moon and also what the environment in space would be for astronauts. The children were really enthusiastic about everything we did this week including a role play trip in a rocket after which we made a list of everything we could see out of the rocket window.

This week on YouTube we watched a video by a Canadian astronaut called Chris Hadfield which he made when he was in space on a mission. In the video he sings David Bowie's *Space Oddity* and we could see how the lack of gravity means he floated around the spaceship! www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaOC9danxNo There are also some great videos about how astronauts brush their teeth in space, what they eat and how they take photographs of all the

planets they can see. These are on the Canadian space centre youtube which you can find on the youtube link above.

For our Big Write we created an alien that we met on our space mission!

Maths

We have been carrying on with looking at money this week and applying this to addition and subtraction by buying things at a shop and giving out change. As part of our Maths we did a special challenge where each of us had a piece of paper with an amount of money. We had to find out how to make that amount using only the coins. This was tricky because although we knew that 4 and 3 made 7, we didn't have a 4 or 3 pence coin so we really had to think carefully to decide how to solve this problem using only the coins. We were making careful decisions and working with a partner to talk it through.

Letters and Sounds

This week we revised all of the sounds in Phase 3 and soon we will be moving on to Phase 4.

Homework

Please set up a simple shop with your child using prices of 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p. Practice giving change with your child using addition and subtraction to work this out. Your shop can be whatever you like; we had a space food shop this week! If your child is able to recognise change from pound coins or £5 notes, please encourage this recognition.

Dates for your diary

Key Stage One Christmas Concert - 7th and 8th of December

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺