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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week! We are in full Christmas swing at Holy Family!

## Literacy

We have had another week learning about Space this week due to the high level of interest from the children last week! Our project in Literacy has been to make an information book. Miss Cook and I are so proud of how well the children presented their work and really worked as a team in their little groups to produce such great facts and pictures. We looked at a selection of ways to find out information, from books and google to hearing from our resident Space expert from Year 2; James! James had prepared a Powerpoint presentation to share with Year One about all the facts he knows about Space. He was a fabulous teacher and the Year Ones were very respectful and responsive. They remembered lots of James' fascinating facts!

In small groups we produced an information book. We completed our books over 3 days and I was especially pleased with all the children's willingness to sound out words and write in their books, well done Year One! ☺

## Maths

This week we have learnt about odd and even numbers and how to spot an odd or an even number by looking at the final digit. We learnt that an even number is a number that we can share into equal groups of 2 and we will say all the even numbers when we count on the number line in twos. We have heard the story of Even Stephen and Odd Todd and how they like to have an even and an odd number of belongings!

## Letters and Sounds

This week we revised all of the sounds in Phase 3 through an assessment that I have done with all the children.

## Come and See RE

This week we have started our topic on Advent. Year One are thinking about Waiting. This week we thought about what kind of situations we need to wait in. What does waiting feel like? I asked the children to wait for 2 minutes in

silence before I told them about something exciting I had made for them. The children said they felt excited and nervous about the surprise but were very pleased when I said that the surprise was an advent calendar on the wall in our classroom. There are 31 pots that tell us how many days it is till Christmas so that everyone in the class can have a turn. Each day someone will be chosen to pick something out of the pot. We decided it was exciting and it was also good because it showed us how many days we would have to wait for Christmas day.

### **Design Technology Week**

This week we made our own rockets for our Design Technology day on Friday. We really enjoyed designing our rockets and talking about a plan. We will make our Rockets on Monday after designing them to a criteria.

### **Homework**

An odd and even number hunt! Go for an explore around the house or around the local neighbourhood and look for even and odd numbers. How do you know it's an odd number? How do you know it's an even number? Please send a learning story about your number hunt! I have included a sheet if you would like to use this to spot odd and even numbers.

### **Dates for your diary**

Key Stage One Christmas Concert - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December

Autumn Term Ends - 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook 😊