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

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week at Holy Family - the wind has nearly blown us away in the garden this week but we have once again enjoyed lots of great activities both outdoors and in the classroom.

Literacy

We have continued to think about the story of The Gingerbread Man and have linked this to Geography objectives by looking at our local area! This has been a lot of fun as we have learnt how to use Google Maps and looked on Google Earth and Google Street View at our local area of Cronton. We learnt that Cronton is a village because it's a lot smaller than a town or a city. We learnt that we live near a city and that the city centre of Liverpool is a lot busier and has more places of interest than Cronton.

In our Big Draw the children worked so very hard at re-writing the story. We called the story The Gingerbread Man in Cronton and he went to local places after escaping from Holy Family's kitchen! Out of the back door and on to many adventures in our local area. Goodness me, he was worn out. We looked on the map at his route and he certainly went the long way round!

Maths

This week in our Maths lessons we have been practicing our addition facts to 10. A lot of the work that we do in our Maths lessons in Year One are number related and number bonds to 10 will form a firm foundation for our learning throughout Key Stage One and Two. We would appreciate you practicing these with your child at home using practical resources - anything your child would like to use. It is so crucial that children understand and recognise the links between numbers and make connections between different ways of calculating. This week we have practiced our addition bonds for numbers up to 10 and have learnt that knowing an addition fact means we know a subtraction fact also. For example, if we know that $1+3=4$ then we also know that $4-3=1$ and $4-1=3$. We have explored this in a number of ways and worked with our talk partners to explain and show these using resources.

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 some sentences every week. As part of the homework requirements please practice these sentences over the weekend. Many thanks.

This week we have about split digraphs. These are digraphs that are usually together to make their sound but in some words the digraph is split up but it still makes the same sound. We say that a letter 'comes to visit' in between the digraph but it doesn't change the digraph's sound.

For example...

a_e like in the words fake, lake, take

e_e like in the words complete, extreme

i_e like in the words like, kite, slice

o_e like in the words tone, alone, hole

u_e like in the words prune, cube, flume

We also learnt the tricky words some, come, were, there. We learnt these tricky words at the same time as learning the split digraphs because those tricky words are naughty and try to make us think we can sound them out!

Geography

This week we have had a great time using maps and talking about the features of our local area. We've learnt that there are many types of maps, some of which we had used ourselves like theme park maps and looked at the differences between a road map and a world map. We loved this and were fascinated by all the new learning!

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 mentally at this stage. Please note also that we do not expect the children to record the numbers, you can scribe for them.

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

Learning Stories will be sent out this weekend for the last fortnight.

Teaching Student

Miss George will be starting with us for her block placement when we return to school after half term.

Dates for your diary

Story Sack Meeting - Starts Monday the 11th January weekly 9.30-10.30

Parents Evening - Wednesday 10th February 2016

Half Term - 12th February 2016

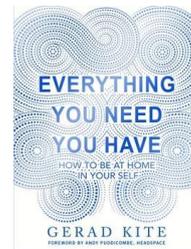
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Mitchell and Miss Cook ☺

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!

If you are at home alone and you find a bone, will you get on the phone?

PhonicsPlay.co.uk

Phase 5 - Week 4 - Tuesday - Applying

Will you invite me inside?

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Phase 5 - Week 4 - Monday - Applying

Were there lots of donkeys on the beach?

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Phase 5 - Week 4 - Wednesday - Apply

It will amaze me if you can escape from this maze.

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Phase 5 - Week 4 - Thursday - Applying