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

# Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

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Our week has been full packed of Christmassy, Grinchy activities! We started our week by lighting the Second Advent candle with Mrs Evans. At the end of each day, during our Reflection with Mrs Evans, we have looked at different values that we can follow and show towards each other. This week we looked at kindness, listening and being cheerful. The children are so respectful during this time and try very hard to reflect on what actions they have carried out to show that they are following the values.

## **English**

Well what a great, Grinchy week we have had! At the beginning of the week, we read the story 'How the Grinch stole Christmas'. The children looked at how the poem that we are reciting in our Carol Concert is different to the story. The children discussed why the Grinch is mean but why he changes at the end of the story. As the week went on, we looked at the rhyming words that are within the poem. We then discussed what it means to sequence a story and talked about the beginning, middle and end. For our Big Draw the children sequenced the story of the Grinch. I have taken a picture of every child's Big Draw as they were so amazing! Please look out for these when I send out the learning stories during the Christmas holiday.

## **Maths**

This week we have been learning all about 'finding the difference'. We now know that this is also another word for subtraction. The children have been exploring how to find the difference between two numbers and using the Numicon to help.



For example this is the Numicon 5 and 6. The children would be able to spot the difference by placing the 5 on top of the 6 and noticing that the 5 has one less piece than the 6.

## **Letters and Sounds**

This week we have been looking at all the Phase 3 sounds. These are all the sounds that we gave you on Parents Evening. We will be sending more games to play during the Christmas holiday.

## **Homework and Reading books**

On Monday, all reading books will be collected in for the Christmas holiday. No more reading books will be sent out until we come back in January. We will be sending home a Maths activity, a Letters and Sounds game and some Christmas poems for you to read with your child. ☺

### **Carol Concert**

A separate letter went onto the Parent App on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please read this letter. This letter states dates, times and everything the children will need for the performances. All clothes **MUST** be in by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. This is so the children have their clothes for our dress rehearsal.

### **Posada**

Can we please ask that if your child takes home the Posada, they bring it back into school the next day. This is to ensure that every child can have a chance of taking home the Posada before we finish for Christmas. Thank you ☺

### **Snack Money**

Snack Money is £11.50 for this half term. Many thanks if you have already paid. Any outstanding snack money can be sent into school in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Cook and Miss Langton ☺