

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Literacy, we have explored non-fiction books about nocturnal animals to find out facts about them. We then read some riddles about animals. As a group, we wrote our own riddle about an owl. Next week, we are going to write a riddle about another nocturnal animal.

In Phonics this week, we introduced alternative spelling patterns for the 'oa' phoneme (goat, toe, go, note). Next week, we will focus on alternative spelling patterns for the 'oo' phoneme (ue – blue, ew – grew, u-e – cube, u – unicorn).

In Numeracy lessons this week, we have been counting in twos and tens with 2p and 10p coins. We have also revisited addition and subtraction to ensure that the children are able to independently apply the strategies that we have taught them this year. Next week, we will focus on 2 digit numbers and place value: how many tens and ones in a number. E.g. 23 = 2 tens and 3 ones.

In our CCL Topic Work, we have completed our Van Gogh inspired artwork. Our classrooms now look like art galleries! We have also focused on the Geography element of our topic and looking at why it is day time and night time at different times in different countries. The children were experts at locating the UK, France, Australia, USA and Japan on the map. Next week, we will be re-capping the seasons and drawing our winter tree.

Thank you to 1V for their delicious buns. Next week, it is 1E's turn to bring in buns. Please remember to send them in a named container.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December which starts at 4pm. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in donations of chocolate, books and toys. We have had a few decorated jars with sweets in but would appreciate more so please keep sending these in.

### Important Dates for your Diaries:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – 1E Friday Bake

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 4-6pm – Christmas Fayre – please donate new boxes/bars/packets of chocolates for our chocolate tombola – these can be brought into school anytime between now and the fayre

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 2.15pm - KS1 Concert – Parents with pre-school children & nurseries

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** 9.15am - KS1 Concert for parents

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** 2.15pm – KS1 Concert for parents

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – school closed to pupils due to polling day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – pantomime in school (Jack and the Beanstalk)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party – **children to bring party clothes to school in a named bag.**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 1E visit church for our Carol Service (am).

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- 1V visit church for our Carol Service (am).

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Children may wear festive non-uniform for Save the Children / Overgate Hospice Christmas Jumper day (donations of £1 for the charities will be collected by teachers if you wish to contribute).

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** 3.10pm – school closes for Christmas holiday.

Many Thanks

Year One team