

Year 1 Newsletter

Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to the 'Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings'. It was lovely to virtually meet you all and discuss how we can continue to support your child's learning journey together.

In Phonics, we have finished our re-cap of the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs. We have also checked each child individually to see which sounds they know and which sounds they are still practising. We have sent a copy of this record home in each child's reading packet so we can continue working on these sounds together. Next term in phonics, we will begin to teach the Phase 5 alternative sounds (e.g beach, cloud, day). In English, we will be reading the story 'Wow! said the Owl' by Tim Hopgood. We will explore this story with some outdoor learning as we take our class owls around the school playground to see what different things they can see.

In Maths, we have been locating and comparing digits on a number line. When we return, we will be introducing the 'Part Whole Model' to partition (split up) numbers in different ways. Using counters, we will be challenging the children to find a missing part and complete a number sentence to show this.

In CCL, we have looked at the similarities and differences between holidays in the past and present day.

Next half term, we will begin our new 'Day and Night' topic. Within this topic, we will learn about:

- Light sources and nocturnal animals in Science
- Day and night around the world in Geography
- The art work of Vincent Van Gogh



On **Friday 5th November**, we will be launching our 'Day and Night' topic. On the day, children will need to come in normal uniform but we invite them to bring their pyjamas to change into at school, as well as a favourite book. During the course of the day, we will discuss examples of light sources, as well as reflecting upon ways in which light is used as a symbol within many faiths.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the children for all their hard work this half term – a brilliant start to Year One. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 2nd November**, when school re-opens.

Many Thanks

Year One team