

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics, we have 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. All scheme books and 50 book challenges have been collected in today, so they can be checked over the holidays. Next term in phonics, we will be continuing our teaching of the Phase 5 alternative sounds. 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, we will be continuing with this when we return to school after half term. Please see last week's History homework attached to the Home Learning folder. If possible, please return this task by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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

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



On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> November**, when school re-opens.

### Dates for your diary:

**Year 1 Open Evening- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** The purpose of this meeting is to explain about the Year 1 curriculum and how English and Maths is taught in Year 1. The open evening will have a focus on Phonics and how to help support your child with their reading and writing at home. For you to receive information of how your child will progress throughout this year we encourage you too attend if possible.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson