# YEAR ONE Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers.

Happy New Year to you all! We have loved welcoming the children back to school this week and for what seems like the first time in ages, we have had a whole class of children in Year 1 which has been lovely!

#### RE

In RE this term our big question is 'What is the good news that Jesus brings?' This week we thought about how Jesus is a friend to the friendless by looking at the story of when Jesus chose Matthew to be his disciple, even though Matthew was disliked by most people as he was a tax collector. We learnt how it is important to be a friend to everyone and that Jesus wanted to unite everyone and be a friend to the friendless.

## History

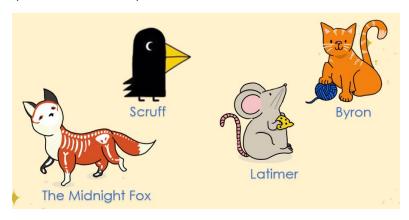
We began our new History topic this week of 'Castles', where we learnt about the different features of a castle and what their purpose was. Then we used the new words we learnt to add labels to a picture of a castle, in the correct place.

## Maths

In Maths this week, we began by counting within 20 by singing counting songs and counting forwards and backwards from 20 in ones. We discussed the 'teen' numbers and how we write them in numbers and words and practised counting, writing and comparing numbers up to 20. Next, we consolidated and deepened our understanding of number 10. We talked about how ten is make up of ten ones how we can represent number ten in different ways.

#### English

We received a special message in our 'Magic Tin' this week. The children have been sent four Faithful Friends, which are all animal characters which will be going on a quest this term. The children found out a bit about each animal and chose their favourite one. We spent this week writing about our Faithful Friends, describing what they look like, where they live and what special powers, skills or tools they might have to help them on their quest.



## **Phonics**

This week we have recapped the sounds 'y' (happy, silly, hungry), 'ea' (head, bread, feather) and 'wh' (wheel, whisper, white) We also focused on reading the tricky words 'want', 'water', 'many' and 'any'.

## **Woodland Learning**

Our next Woodland Learning days are on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

# **Home Learning**

Our spellings for this week are focusing on the 'ie' sound. Year 1 will have our spelling 'quiz' on Thursdays, as usual.

Spellings
lie
pie
tie
cried
lied
fried

Hope you have a lovely weekend, Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Glennon

