

YEAR ONE
Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Maths

In Maths this week, we continued with our measuring work and used cubes to measure the lengths of different objects. We also introduced the term 'fact families', where the children were first of all given a part-whole model and then had to write addition and subtraction number sentences. We practised having the equals sign at the beginning and the end of our number sentences, which meant we had to try and find 8 number sentences for each part-whole model.

English

In English, we have been writing descriptions of story settings. We began by describing what the house looks like in our 'Pumpkin Soup' story. Then we imagined where Duck may be living now and designed a new house for Duck, which we then wrote our own descriptions of.

In SPaG we have been focusing on writing sentences, particularly focusing on using capital letters at the beginning of sentences and ending with a full stop.

Phonics

We have learnt new sounds: 'e-e' (delete), 'ew' (stew), 'ie' (shield or brownie) and 'aw' (draw). We have been decoding and blending words with these sounds in as well as segmenting these words to spell.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we are still thinking about 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' This week we thought about what the 'good news' is in the story of Christmas. The children discussed how the birth of Jesus was important to Christians because they believed he was the son of God. The children then designed their own Christmas cards, celebrating the good news in the Christmas story.

PE

In PE this week we have been practising our underarm throwing skills. We began by throwing a beanbag to a partner, then moved on to using a ball. Next we played a game in small groups, where the children had to stand in hoops and throw the beanbag to each other, aiming for the inside of the hoops.

Woodland learning

Our next Woodland Learning session is on **Monday 27th November**.





Thank you so much for attending Parent's Evening, it was lovely to meet with you again. Thank you for your continued support at home, we really appreciate all that you do to help with your children's learning.

Outdoor Area

With the money that we have raised from the cake sale, we are hoping to buy some water play equipment to go in our small outdoor area. The children are keen on the idea of a water wall, where they can use tubes and funnels to channel water. I am keeping an eye on Marketplace so that we can get as much as we can with the money we have raised.

We always welcome any donations for our outdoor area too, so anything water-play based, or construction/building type activities that are no longer needed would be greatly appreciated.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Mockler, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Millar and Miss Hall



Well done to our Year 1 Stars of the week, Ronnie and Tommy. Congratulations to our Leybourne Bright Spark, Ella!

| Spellings |
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| boat |
| coach |
| croak |
| foam |
| toast |
| road |

| Optional spellings | |
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| soak | moan |
| foal | soap |

