

# Year 1 Weekly News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## Next week in Year 1...

### Maths:

We will be completing maths challenges within the classroom which will give us a chance to show what we have learnt this term. During the first weeks back in January we will continue learning about subtraction.

### Home Learning

This week the children have their first set of spellings. You will see in their book that I have labelled the top of the table with four days. Spellings do not have to be completed on those specific days, however, it is important that children are practising their spellings on four occasions, not all in one go on one occasion.

*Children learn through repetition and this is what we are aiming to do for many of the subject areas being taught in Year One.*

We use the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method for learning all spellings.

Look - Look at the word carefully

Say - Say the word aloud

Cover - Cover the word with your hand, paper or something solid

Write - Write the spelling in the box

Check - Check if it is correct. If it not, please encourage your child to draw a neat line through the word and have another go.

*Please do not use any rubbers in homework books. Mistakes are ok when we are learning and it is important I see the work children have found tricky so that I can support them with this at school.*

Please also continue playing games with your child's phonics pack. If your child would like to do any extra maths work or writing (not compulsory), please use a separate piece of paper and then just leave it loose in their book so I can see it when their book returns on Tuesday.

Please come and see me if you have any questions at all regarding any of the homework. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parents are welcome in to the classroom at the beginning of the school day if they would like to settle their child or have a conversation with a member of staff.

### English:

Children will continue making and writing Christmas cards, letters and gift tags next week. We have really enjoyed opening our 'Christmas book' advent calendar and cannot wait to see which books we will have next week.

### Christmas Party

Children can come to school in their party clothes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children have been issued with a paper plate which has a sticker on the back outlining which foods we require for the party. Please ask me if you have any questions or queries about the paper plate you have received. Many thanks

**Nursery, Reception and Year One Child and Parent Christmas Sing-a-long at Howard Davis Park followed by a Christingle Service at St Luke's Church:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- 4pm-5pm. Parents will need to pick their child up at their usual finishing time and bring them to outside the Church and then stay with them.

Children and parents will then sing Christmas songs together and attend a child-friendly Christingle service in the church afterwards. Please note- children are not to be left unattended and parents need to stay with their children at all times.

### Christmas Reading

The children have been so excited to read the many Christmas stories that we have been opening in our book advent calendar. During the Christmas holidays if you have time and a membership, please have a make use of the Town Library. The children have started to become really excited about reading and are understanding that they can enjoy it and read for pleasure. Please continue this as much as possible over the Christmas holidays as they will not have reading books from school during the holidays.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term/church.**

If your child has an older sibling who is attending the church service and you are collecting them after the church service, you are also welcome to come and collect your Year 1 child at the same time, so you don't have two collection times on that day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please pop in before/after school or email me:

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Many thanks

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**Article 28** You have the right to a good quality education.

**Article 29** Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

