

Year One Newsletter November 2019

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed almost two weeks of our second half term in Year One. We have begun to work towards our end of term play which is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and more details about this will follow soon! However, we felt at this point it would be useful to give you some information about other things we will be doing this half term.

Student Teachers

Miss Tunstall and Miss Dobson from York St. John University are working with us this half term. They will be teaching some of the lessons during the day and you will probably see them when they greet the classes in the morning and when we leave at 3.15pm.

Big Idea

As you will already know, our Big Idea this half term is connected to the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' and we are going to try and help the main character learn more about himself and the dark. We have organised a visit from The Yorkshire Bird of Prey Centre to enable the children to learn more about birds of prey. We will also be finding out about how some festivals are celebrated and that darkness and light are an important part of these celebrations.

English

Our English work will focus on using capital letters and full stops correctly when we write sentences and that clear finger spacing between words is very important. Handwriting and accurate letter formation continue to be an area for us to work on too.

Maths

This half term, our Maths work is on addition and will include representing number bonds in different ways, writing number statements using the + and = symbols and solving word problems involving addition (please see 'How to Help your Child at Home' at the end of this letter).

Phonics

We will continue to learn new graphemes this half term and practise applying them in reading and writing. Please ensure your child continues to read regularly at home so that new knowledge can be applied.

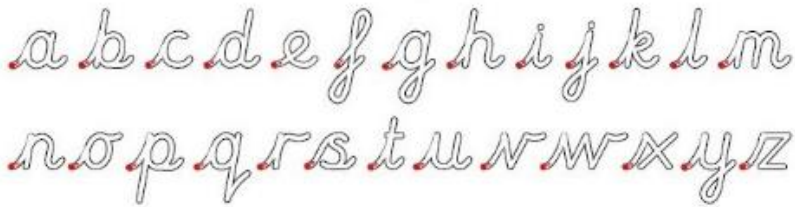
P.E.

We will be working on two P.E. units this half term. We will be learning and practising hockey skills on a Wednesday and on a Friday, we will be learning some dance moves for our Christmas play. Please make sure there is plenty of WARM clothing in your child's P.E. bag as we will be working OUTSIDE for hockey.

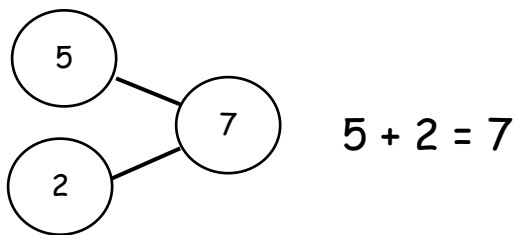
Helping Your Child at Home

Please try to help your child at home with the following areas:

- Reading regularly (we are still aiming for at least 4 different lots of reading in a seven day period).
- Forming lower case letters correctly:



- Form numerals from 0-9 correctly without reversals.
- Practise representing number bonds e.g.



Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to us; we are usually available at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

The Year One Team