

# Year 1 News Letter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

For our topic 'All about me and my super senses', the children have been writing lots about their selves and their families. We have continued to focus on key aspects of our writing such as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We have also had a big focus on our handwriting and using lead-ins (ensuring sure all our letters start on the line). We will continue to focus on correct letter formation and handwriting next week within our writing.

In mathematics we have focused on adding and subtracting. We recapped what the '+' and '-' symbols mean and how when we add, the numbers get bigger and when we subtract, the number gets smaller. We practised methods to help us solve addition and subtraction number sentences such as using a number line, using our fingers and drawing pictures.

Thank you so much for all the wonderful old toys and photographs that have been brought in! The children loved sharing them with the class (and the adults enjoyed reminiscing too!). We discussed how we can tell the difference between old and new toys and had a try and playing some old games. If your child hasn't had chance to bring in old toys yet, then they can still bring them in next Tuesday for us to look at.

In Religious Education, we continued discussing the creation story. We thought about what we would create if we had the power to create anything we wanted. We had lots of creative ideas such as people who can fly, chocolate fountains and trees that grow marshmallows! The children also wrote some of their own prayers which we will display in our class worship area.

In phonics, we have been recapping the sounds we learnt in Reception and this week, we particularly focused on 'ay' (as in may I play) and 'ou' (as in shout out).

The children have all worked so hard this week and we are so impressed with how they are coping with the changes from Reception to Year 1, especially in the heat they have had to cope with too!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings and Mrs Lovell