

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we read a story called 'Owl Babies' about three baby owls whose mum has gone off hunting. The children wrote a letter to the youngest owl, Bill, to tell him not to worry and reassure him that his mum will be back soon. We thought carefully about the type of language we would use to try and make Bill feel better.

We also read a story from India called 'The Blue Jackal.' We discussed the story and made our own story maps to help us remember the order of events. Then we retold the story in our own words, writing in clear, detailed sentences in our English books.

In phonics, we have been focusing on the 'a\_e' sound (as in "bake a cake"). The children managed to think of lots of words with this sound in and we also practised writing the words too. We looked at the different ways of writing a\_e words ( -ake, -ape, -ale, -ame, -ave) and thought of words for all of those sounds.

For maths, we have been using bucket balances to measure the weight of various objects. We estimated, then measured the weight of items found in the classroom, using cubes to balance out the buckets. We found the estimating tricky at first, but after some practice, we were able to estimate how many cubes different objects weighed, with increasing accuracy.



For Religious Education, we thought about how important Vicars are to the church and some of the important jobs they have to do. We then reflected on some of the special jobs we do at home and school and considered how they make us feel.

This week, we have been practising lots for our KS1 Nativity and also getting ready for Christmas, with our Christmas decorations day this afternoon. Thank you so much to all who were able to attend!

**Christmas Nativity Costumes:** Please could your child bring in a dark (black/dark blue/grey) top and trousers or leggings in a named plastic bag ready for the Nativity? Could we have the clothes in school by next **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November?** Thank you.



I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Miss Hutchings

## Year 1 Spellings

Here are the words for your child to practise this week:

but
put
all
will
look

If your child is already confident in writing these words, then you can ask them to practise writing these within a sentence.

Trickier, **optional** spellings:

These are a lot harder, so please do not feel like your child has to learn these. Your child may just want to practise writing the words by copying them down.

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