

# Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English this week, we began a new story called 'A Christmas Collar'. The story is about a small dog, who finds a strange collar whilst out for a walk. It turns out to be a reindeer collar and the dog goes on an adventure to find Santa's missing reindeer before returning home. We enjoyed the story and were able to recall all of the main events and order them appropriately. We then made a missing poster to help to find Dasher. We learnt that they need to have pictures and key information about what has gone missing. We had to make sure that we used our capital letters, full stops and beautifully formed letters to help to write a description.

In maths this week, we have been learning about doubling and halving numbers, as well as thinking about how this links to our two times tables. We now know that doubling will make our number bigger and know that it is the same as multiplying it by 2, and halving will make the number smaller, which is the same as dividing the number into 2 equal groups. We also learnt that we can only half even numbers, as halving an odd number will not give us a whole number as an answer. We also made playdough in maths this week. We had to help with measuring the ingredients, mixing and kneading the dough. We have made playdough as we are beginning to use dough disco at the beginning of each day. This helps us to warm our hands up and gets us ready to learn.

In Phonics this week, we have been revising the sound 'ow' (as in cow) and 'ow' (as in snow). We had to separate words into the different groups, one for each of the sounds we are practising this week. We found it very tricky to remember which sound was which and had to be reminded to sound the words out with both sounds to help us to determine which sound it belonged to.

**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. To ensure that we are able to have a full run through of the Nativity in full costume, please could we have the clothes in school by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December?** Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin and Miss Brooks

## Year 1 Spellings

Each Friday, I will send home a small list of 5 high-frequency words for your children to practise writing at home. The following Thursday, the children will write these words in a spelling test. Here are the words for your child to practise this week:

not
could
old
can
in

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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