

# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Wednesday 11th October 2017



### Important Dates:

Cherry Class PE: Tuesdays

Cherry Class swimming: Wednesdays

Hazel Class PE: Wednesdays

Hazel Class swimming: Thursdays

Harvest assembly: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15



We have had a wonderful time using 'The Gingerbread Man' as a starting point for our writing. We have designed and made traps which caught the runaway gingerbread men! We have also written letters and explanations to the old lady.

In Phonics we are working on segmenting (breaking words down into each sound eg: cat becomes c-a-t) and blending (putting the sounds together to read eg: c-a-t becomes cat) words when reading and spelling. We are reviewing the phonemes (letter sounds) the children learnt in Reception and focussing on new ones every day. Please make sure that you are practising with your child at home using the sound mats you were given at parent / carer consultations. During our phonics session we make sure the children are forming their letters correctly, including the ascenders, descenders and capital letters.

In Maths we have been learning to recognise numbers and write the number words. The children have also been using pictures and objects to represent numbers. We have also focussed on place value and the children are beginning to know about 10s and 1s in two digit numbers (eg: 13 has 1 ten and 3 ones). This week we are learning to add and subtract one digit numbers (eg:  $4+5=$  or  $6-2=$ ). The children are learning to read and write addition and subtraction calculations.



Thank you very much for attending parent / carer consultations. It was great to have longer to speak to each of you!

At home you could:

- ☺ Practise reading and spelling the words on our Year 1 word list.
- ☺ Play games using the sound mats.
- ☺ Go on [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) and choose some of the free games
- ☺ Practise counting forwards and backwards and in 10s.
- ☺ Practise recognising numbers.