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Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we will be:

- Reading a bonfire night story called 'Sparks in the Sky'.
- Using senses to describe the experience of the children in the story.
- Writing about the experiences of the children in the stories through simple sentences. Our big focus is to generate a sentence, orally rehearse the sentence, think about the place of capitals, finger spaces and full stops and then to write the sentence.

IMPORTANT - After half term, the children will be taking part in a pretend Bonfire Night session, this will involve having hot chocolate and marshmallows. Please read, complete and return the form sent home to give permission for your child to take part. Please see or message your child's class teacher if you wish you discuss ingredients/allergies/dietary needs.



In Maths this week, we will be:

- Focusing on addition with numbers up to 10 and 20 using counters.
- Recognising the symbols + - and =
- Focusing on number bonds to 10. Number bonds are pairs of numbers that make a given number e.g. $5 + 5 = 10$ $6 + 4 = 10$.

In our topic work, we will learn about:

- Our local area. We will create our own simple maps of Woolwell. (Geography)
- Our senses : the focus this week is on taste. In this lesson, the children will be tasting a range of foods to gain an understanding of sour, sweet, savoury, salty and bitter. Please see your child's class teacher on Monday morning if you need to see the exact packet for ingredients. (Science)
- The Creation Story. (RE)
- Finding the pulse and high and low pitch. (Music)
- Taking part in Gymnastics and Games in PE. Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed to ensure your child can take part.
- Being responsible: The children will think about the things they are responsible for at home such as feeding a pet, putting their shoes away or taking their plates to the kitchen. (PSHE)
- Portraits: We were so impressed with the children's portraits of King Charles. The children showed such focus and applied the learning from the unit of work showing thought and care. This week the children will evaluate their final pieces and talk about what went well and if there was anything they could have done to make it even better. (Art)

Supporting your child at home

This week we will focus on number bonds to 10. Below is a free game found online called 'Hit The Button'. Please play it with your child and use the menu to focus on number bonds to 10. The aim is for them to be able to mentally recall these number facts but initially they may need to use their fingers to help with this. We have introduced this game in class.



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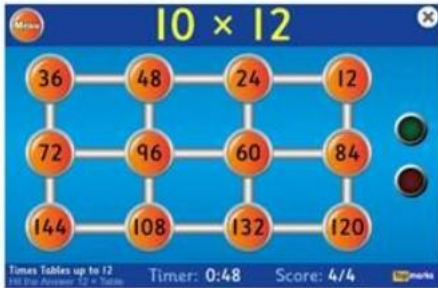
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Hit the Button

▶ Play Game

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games, which are against the clock, challenge and develop mental maths skills. An untimed, practise mode is available in our [Hit the Button app](#) along with lots more extra features.

The activities can be matched to appropriate



Reading and Library books

Reading and library books are changed on Mondays. Please ensure they are in your child's bag. The children are currently being assessed in our Read, Write Inc. scheme to see if they are retaining and applying the sounds taught so far, before moving to the next level/colour book.

Thank you for your support.
The Year One Team

