



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Dear Parents,

In **English** this week we will be:

- Continuing to look at a variety of 'That's not my...' books
- Writing simple sentences with adjectives to describe our own teddies e.g. She is fluffy. He is soft. He is blue. As mentioned in last week's letter, please can each child bring in their own cuddly toy on **MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER** and ensure they are named.
- We will guide the children to hold their sentence in their head, orally rehearse it and to think about where the capital letters, finger spaces and full stops will go. They will be expected to find the words 'he' and 'she' on our red word wall and spell these correctly.
- Taking part in daily phonics sessions and regular handwriting practice.

In **Maths** this week we will be:

- Comparing numbers using the vocabulary 'greater than' and 'less than'. The children will be introduced to the symbols:
 - > is greater than e.g. $5 > 2$ 5 is greater than 2
 - < is less than e.g. $2 < 5$ 2 is less than 5
 - = is equal to.

We explain that the symbol is a bit like a crocodile's mouth and the crocodile likes to eat the biggest/greatest number.



In our topic work we will be thinking about:

- Adding labels to a local area photograph. (Geography)
- Our senses - we will focus on sight. (Science)
- Using the skills they have learnt to create their self-portraits. We will discuss the expectation to include more detail than their initial portrait in week one. (Art)
- The Creation Story. (RE)
- Gymnastics and Games in PE. Please ensure kits are in school and earrings are removed to ensure your child can take part on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Reading and Library books

- Reading and Library books are changed on Mondays.

Please ensure they are in your child's bag.

Supporting your child at home

In Year One, children are expected to start a sentence or a name with a capital letter. As our children are only expected to learn lower case letters in Foundation, we would initially like to support this with some matching activities. Each child will bring home a set of lower and upper case letters. Please cut them up and support them to match them up. We would advise doing 5 at a time and start with familiar letters like n and N for Nanny, m and M for Mummy. They may also recognise similar letters like s and S or family members names. This does not need to be brought back into school but kept at home and repeated to support this skill.

Reminders

Please remember to let us know in the diary when somebody different is collecting your child or when they are going to an after school club.

Please also regularly check all school items and clothing are named. Thank you !

Thank you for your support.

The Year One Team.



