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Dear Parents,

In English this week, we will be:

- Reading poetry about the seasons and thinking about the vocabulary used.
- Writing our own Autumn poem. The children will describe what makes the season special.

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 be thinking about:

- Completing our Geography topic with an activity about where we live in the world.
- PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Focusing on our sense of smell. The children will be exploring a number of smell pots to see if they can identify the smell. (Science)
- Learning about the rhythm in a song. (Music)
- Creating our final portrait piece. (Art)



Supporting your child at home

This week we will focus again on our number bonds to 10. Below is a free game found online called 'Hit The Button'. Please play it with your child and 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 as rehearsed in last week's homework. We have introduced this game in class.



The screenshot shows the Topmarks website interface for the 'Hit the Button' game. The page title is 'Hit the Button' and it includes a 'Play Game' button. The game description states it is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The game is against the clock and challenge mental maths skills. An untimed, practise mode is available in the 'Hit the Button app'. The activities can be matched to appropriate levels. The game interface shows a 3x4 grid of multiplication facts for 10 x 12: 36, 48, 24, 12; 72, 96, 60, 84; 144, 108, 132, 120. The timer is 0:48 and the score is 4/4.

Reading and Library books

- Reading and library books are changed on Mondays. Please ensure they are in your child's bag.

Parent meetings

This week, teachers will be holding parent meetings. Please sign up for a 10 minute appointment to discuss how your child has settled into Year One.

Thank you for your support.
The Year One Team.

