# Year One News



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December



#### Phonics

This week we have continued to focus on adjacent consonants and those tricky to hear sounds in CCVC (consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant) words. Some of these words have included diagraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound) and some have been polysyllabic words (containing more than one syllable) e.g. scoop, brown, treetop, floating.

Please see separate Supersonic Phonics newsletter for more information.

## Maths

In maths this week we have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties and how they are different to 2D shapes. Similarly to last week, we have done lots of practical activities to explore the properties of different shapes and created our own versions of them. We have also sorted shapes in different ways.

## Philosophy

For our philosophy sessions this half term we have had a focus on diversity and have been having discussions and sharing books linked to questions such as:

Is there such a thing as boys' or girls' toys? Can you tell anything about a person from looking at their skin?

Is there such a thing as a 'normal' body? What makes a family?

Do we all think in the same way? These questions have generated some really interesting discussions and the children have been very respectful in sharing their ideas and listening to others.

#### English

In English this week we have focused on the features of a letter and have written a letter to Santa. We made sure that we included who the letter was to and from, which present we would like and a persuasive sentence to say why we think Santa should bring us our present. Some children challenged themselves and added a P.S. at the end.

## DT

In DT this week we have been busy thinking about where different foods come from and designing gingerbread people. We are looking forward to making them and following our designs to decorate them next week.



#### Dates for your diary

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13<sup>th</sup> December (9:30) – KS1 Christmas performance

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner day (no jacket potatoes) and Christmas jumper day

15<sup>th</sup> December (1:45) – KS1 Christmas performance

16<sup>th</sup> December – last day of school

4th January – back to school