



20th October 2023

Dear Year 1 Parents and carers

What a busy first half-term we have had! We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into year 1! They have loved our recent Design and Technology learning, where they have designed and made their own fruit salad. They were very creative in their design but mostly enjoyed eating it at the café where Mrs Goodey waited on them!



'I have never tried melon before'.

'I am really good at chopping now'.

'My fruit salad looks delicious, I think even my little brother would eat it'.

They used these skills of chopping and preparing food to make a healthy, yummy, vegetable pasta for our grown-ups. Some of the children wrote their own prayers to thank God for the farmers and food.



All about Calmore

Our learning focus for this next half term is Geography. We will be finding out all about Calmore and the local amenities. The children have already watched a video from 'Jack' who needs their help. He lives in Scotland and wants to move to Calmore. Jack wants to know all the things that Calmore has to offer to him and his family e.g. a church, a shop, etc. During the half term it would be great if you can go out for a walk around Calmore and its surrounding area, to find other things that Calmore provides e.g. Testwood Lakes, a coffee shop, Southampton airport, train station.

This half term we will also be celebrating the festival of 'Diwali' on Monday 13th November. The children will be learning about how Hindus celebrate Diwali and will join in with some of these celebrations.

As always, we really appreciate voluntary help, so come and speak to us if you are interested in listening to readers or helping around the classroom. You will need to have a DBS check – please see the office staff.

Home learning

Over the half term if you would like to support your child further, listed below are some activities:

- Reading at least 5 times a week
- Playing games – Uno, Shut the Box, Snakes and Ladders, snap, other board games.
- Walk around our local area and identify the amenities. What do you like about Calmore? What would you change?

Reminders

Please remember to label all of your children's belongings, especially all the hats, gloves and scarves that will soon be coming into school!

Also please ensure that reading folders are in school every day and that they continue to wear PE kits on a Monday and Friday.

We hope you have a lovely half-term holiday, thank you for your support

The Year 1 Team