



Ely St John's Primary School

Year One Newsletter

13th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy 2023! The children have returned after their break raring to go and ready to learn new things.



It has been a busy week learning phonics! The children have learnt *five* new sounds: that vowels a, e, i, o and u can make both their letter sound or name in words. The letter sound is short while the letter name makes a long sound, for example: 'a' makes the long sound /ai/ (acorn). Please encourage your child to try the Home Learning Challenge sheet in their bookbag to help embed this learning.



In Art, the children are learning about portraits. Next week, the children will look at the work of Pablo Picasso to make a portrait collage. Please could you send in pictures of faces from magazines, or photos of faces that you are happy to be cut up and reassembled – thank you.



We have recently purchased the Rhino Readers book scheme to use alongside our Twinkl phonics resources. This will be used for our reading sessions in school and the children will continue to bring home a range of other books to share with you at home. There are more books within each colour band than in our previous scheme so please do not worry if your child is working within a particular book band for longer than you expected. If there are any concerns with your child's reading development, their class teacher would contact you. A big thank you to the Friends of Ely St John's for supporting our book purchase!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year One team