

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday.

In Literacy, we have been writing our own versions of the Lost and Found story by Oliver Jeffers. If you have any other books by Oliver Jeffers, please send them in as we are really enjoying his stories.

This week in Numeracy, we have been learning to count in tens forwards and backwards. Next week, we will be counting in groups of five.

We have really enjoyed launching our new topic 'Explorers'. On Monday, we learnt about Christopher Columbus' discovery of North and South America. The children have been listening to a song on YouTube to help them remember the name of his three ships and the year in which he made his journey across the sea. This can be found by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yzzCYJDPrQ>

Another song that has helped us with our geography learning is the seven continents song, also on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

We teach the continents as: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Oceania. We have explained to the children that Oceania is sometimes called Australia or Australasia but as it includes more than just Australia we now name it Oceania to reflect the number of islands in the Pacific Ocean that are also part of it.

Please remember that although we recommend YouTube for these clips, it is important that you supervise your child whilst they access them as adverts may still appear that may not be appropriate.

As part of our Explorers topic, we will be going on our own expedition to Woodhouse Park. On Wednesday 15th January, 1V will walk to the park and 1E will go on Thursday 16th January. Please can you ensure that your child wears wellies or shoes that can get muddy on the day that they are going. They will also need a waterproof coat, a warm hat and gloves. If we do get muddy, the children will be able to change into their pumps or outdoor PE kit trainers when we return to school. We will be at school during the normal lunch hour so all children will have their lunch as normal.

Important Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 28th January: Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thursday 30th January: Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 12th February: Y1 Open Door 2.40pm

Many Thanks
Year One team

