

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Literacy, we have written book reviews based on 'Lost and Found'. We have also been practising spelling words containing the split digraph (hopover e) spelling pattern as many children are finding this tricky. Next week, we will be reading fact files about polar animals and answering questions based on these.

This week in Numeracy, we have been learning to count in groups of five. Next week, we will be using everything we have learnt this term so far (counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s) and applying this to solve problems.

We thoroughly enjoyed our trips to Woodhouse Park. While we were there, we put up a flag to show that we had explored the area, just as Christopher Columbus did when he found America. Whilst at the park, 1V found Arctic the polar bear and 1E found Ant the penguin. Both animals had letters with them, asking for our help to find out information about their homes. We are going to spend the next couple of weeks learning about the Arctic and Antarctic and who discovered them.

In indoor PE, we have started a new unit on Dance. This week, we have been creating an Antarctica themed dance routine. In outdoor PE, we have begun to learn the skills needed to play tennis.

In RE, we have started our new unit about being caring. This is helping us to think about why and how we care for others.

Our new PSHCE Value is 'Be Safe'. In assembly on Monday, we talked about safe and unsafe strangers and how to respond to these. On Wednesday, Roy Meakin from the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institute) came to talk to us about staying safe in and around water. He taught us how to avoid drowning in cold water by floating on our backs. When you enter cold water your body automatically goes into shock and you gasp for air. If you try to swim straight away, you are more likely to swallow water and drown. If you float for 90 seconds first, it gives your breathing chance to regulate and then you can try to swim to safety or hope that help has already arrived. Roy also taught the children not to go into water to save a friend, family member or pet but to get help or throw in a flotation device, rope or anything else available instead of putting themselves at risk too. In an emergency, phoning 112 allows the emergency services to immediately locate you – this was another top tip that he gave us. We will continue our Be Safe value by learning about safety at home, at school and online, including road safety and railway safety.

Thank you to all of you who have returned your Parent/Teacher consultation slip. We will return these early next week with your time slots.

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