

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have been reading fact files about polar animals and answering questions based on these. Next week, we will be writing our own fact files.

Some children have shown us that their handwriting is now formed well enough that they are able to start joining their letters. There are some things that a child must master in order to be ready to join:

1. They must be forming each letter with the correct sequence of movements and starting it with a whoops and finishing with a flick. The only letters that don't do this are x and z – both start at the top left.
2. Their tall letters (b,d,h,k,l,t) must be noticeably taller than the short letters (a,c,e,i,m,n,o,r,s,u,v,w,x,z).
3. Hanging letters must go under the line (f,g,j,p,q,y).
4. Capital letters must be the tallest letter in the word.

In Phonics, we have been learning the digraphs /wh/ in words such as *where* and *which*, /ph/ in words such as *dolphin* and *elephant*, /aw/ like in *saw* and /au/ in *haunt*.

This week in Maths, we have looked at what an equal group is and an unequal group. This will help us to then count in equal groups. This is the first step before we learn to multiply numbers.

In Music, we have been listening to, appraising and learning the song 'Rhythm in the Way We Walk' by Joanna Mangona. This is a reggae song. The children have been learning about the texture, rhythm and dynamics of the music. These are the definitions of the musical terms that we will learn this year:

Dynamics	How loud or quiet the music is.
Pitch	Whether sounds are high or low.
Pulse	The heartbeat of the music.
Tempo	Whether music is fast or slow.
Texture	Whether a piece of music has one instrument or more than one instrument playing.
Timbre	How you would describe the feel of a piece of music (e.g. harsh or gentle, soothing or dramatic).

We look forward to seeing you all next week at the Parent/Teacher consultations.

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