

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

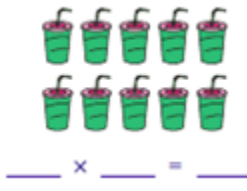
In English, we have been writing our own fact files. IV wrote about polar bears and 1E wrote about penguins. Next week, we will be continuing to write fact files about other polar animals.

In Phonics, we have been learning the digraph /ou/ in words such as *cloud* and *house*. We have also learnt /tch/ like in *witch* and *hutch*.

This week in Maths, we have counted rows of equal groups of items or pictures and have started to introduce the word 'array'. We use the word array to describe an equal group that is arranged in a row. This is how we introduce multiplication – creating arrays or rows and counting them. Here is an example:



$$2 \times 2 = 4$$



$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

In CCL, we have continued to focus on the Geography aspect of our Explorers topic. Y1 should now be experts on the Arctic and Antarctica; remembering that the North Pole is in the Arctic and the South Pole in the Antarctic. They should also know that polar bears live around the North Pole and penguins at the South Pole. Some children may know that Robert Peary was the first person to reach the North Pole and Roald Amundsen was the first to reach the South Pole. Next week, we will be focusing on the History element of our topic and finding out about Captain Scott's race to the South Pole.

It was lovely to see everyone at the Parent/Teacher consultations. We really appreciate your support with the Home Learning and everything else that you do to consolidate and add to what we teach in school.

Australian Bush Fires

We will be holding a raffle every day next week to raise money for Australia after the devastating bush fires. The children can buy raffle tickets in the school hall at second break for £1 to win their own cuddly koala bear! We will also be sending next week's bun money to help.

Important Dates for your Diaries:

Wednesday 12th February: Y1 Open Door 2.40pm

Many Thanks
Year One team