

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 26th March

Dear Parent / Carer,



This week in English, we have been reading the story “Lost and Found” by Oliver Jeffers. As a class we retold the first section and then the children wrote the rest of the story either in a small group or independently! In Phonics, we have recapped the alternative spelling patterns for /ai/. Next week, we will be revisiting the alternative /ee/ spelling patterns.

In Maths, we have been counting in the patterns of 2 and 5. Next week, we will be identifying equal and unequal groups as part of our first step in teaching the children how to multiply.

We have really enjoyed launching our new topic ‘Explorers’. On Tuesday, 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.

Many Thanks

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