

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021

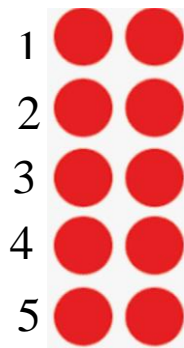
Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have been reading fact files about polar animals and answering questions. Using the information, we have learnt how to take notes. Next week, we will be using our notes to complete a fact file for a polar bear.



This week in Phonics, we have been revisiting the alternative spelling patterns for the vowel sound /oa/. The children were all fantastic at sorting real and alien words.

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:



5 rows of 2 = 10



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Next week, we will replace “rows of” with the multiplication symbol.



We thoroughly enjoyed our trip 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, we found Arctic the polar bear. The animal had a letter with them, asking for our help to find out information about their home. We are going to spend the next week learning about the Arctic and who discovered it.

Please note, school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the bank holiday. We also be shut on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May due to the school being a polling station. The children will be sent home with a work pack on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> for them to complete during this closure day.

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth