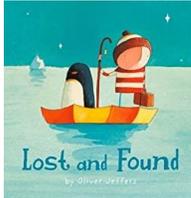


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday.



In English, we have been sequencing and retelling the story of the Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. If you have any other books by Oliver Jeffers, please send them in as we are really enjoying his stories.

This week in Phonics, we have reviewed all the sounds taught so far. We particularly focused on the split vowel digraph graphemes (a-e make, e-e theme, i-e bike, o-e bone, u-e tube). Our tricky words for the week have been: here, today, one, their, when, what. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have been learning to count in the pattern of 2. Using pairs of socks and gloves, Numicon and 2 pence coins we have explored how we use counting in twos in everyday life. Next week, we will be counting in groups of 10 and linking this to the 100 square.

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.

Currently parents and carers are able to collect pupils at the end of the school day in the playground – in order for this to continue, but to reduce the numbers of people on site, please can we request that once children have been collected that you leave the school premises as quickly as possible. We would very much appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Many Thanks
Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth