

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,



In English, we have finished retelling the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. Next week, we will begin a non-fiction unit on Arctic and Antarctic animals.

This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'ea' as in bread, 'y' as in happy, 'oe' as in toe and 'wh' as in whisper. Our tricky words for the week have been: want, water, many, any and again. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have been learning to count in groups of five. Using gloves, hands and 5p coins the children have explored different things that come in a group of 5 and how we can count them efficiently.

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).

As part of our Explorers topic, we will be going on our own expedition to Woodhouse Park on Tuesday 25th January. Please can you ensure that your child wears wellies or shoes that can get muddy on this day. They will also need a waterproof coat, a warm hat and gloves. If we do get muddy, the children will be able to change into their pumps or outdoor PE kit trainers when we return to school. We will be at school during the normal lunch hour so all children will have their lunch as normal.

Many Thanks

Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth