

## Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have been reading fact files about polar animals and answering questions based on these. Next week, we will be using our notes to create a fact file about a polar bear.

This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'y' as in fly, 'ph' as in photo, 'ow' as in snow and 'g' as in gem. Our tricky words for the week have been: who, whole, two and where. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have looked at what an equal group is and what an unequal group is. This will help us to then count in equal groups. This is the first step before we learn to multiply numbers.



Recently, White Rose Maths Hub have released a new, free app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their fluency skills within addition and subtraction and to recognise key facts quickly. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.

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 a polar bear who was lost. He came with a letter asking for our help to find out information about his home. We are going to spend the next couple of weeks learning about the Arctic.



In indoor PE, we have started a new unit on Dance. This week, we have been creating an Antarctica themed dance routine. In outdoor PE, we have begun to learn the skills needed to play tennis.

Thank you to everyone who has booked your Parent/Teacher consultation appointment. We look forward to speaking to you on Tuesday or Thursday.

Many Thanks  
Miss Vine and Miss Hepworth