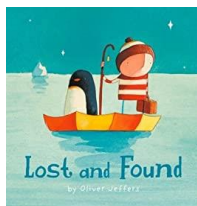


Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,



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

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 been learning to count in tens. Next week, we will be counting in groups of five.

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 Thursday 19th 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 lunchtime so all children will have their lunch as normal. If you haven't already emailed school to give your consent for the walk to the park, please do so as soon as possible.

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

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson