

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 10^h February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have been writing fact files on Emperor penguins. We were very impressed with the children's determination to use ambitious language when describing Antarctica. After the break, we will be starting a cross-curricular unit by writing a diary entry from the perspective of Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

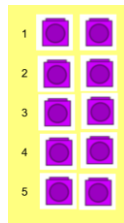
This week in Phonics, we have recapped all of the sounds covered this half term (wh, oe, y, ea, ow, ve, ph, ou, ey, se, ce, le). We have revisited all of the Phase 5 tricky words taught so far. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

This week 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.

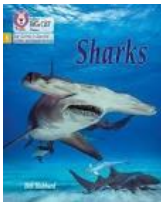
Here is an example:

5 rows of 2 = 10

5 lots of 2 = 10



We will continue with this next week by changing the “rows of” or “lots of” to the multiplication symbol.



Please could we remind parents to ensure that reading bags are not being used to carry water bottles into school. The reading packets are specifically designed to be waterproof so any water-bottles that accidentally open do not completely soak whatever is inside the packet. Unfortunately, we have had more than a few instances this year of some of our usually well-cared for books being completely ruined by these mishaps. Thank you for your cooperation in this!

Finally, we would like to invite you to our next Year 1 Open Door. As part of our Explorers topic, the children will be creating their own flag. We would love for you to join us and help the children begin to master the skill of sewing. We would like to invite a maximum of 2 people per child. We do request that preschool siblings do not attend this open door, due to the use of needles. Please see the dates below:

1N: Tuesday 7th March, 9.10am-9.40am.

1H: Thursday 9th March. 9.10am-9.40am.

We hope that you have a restful break and we look forward to seeing your children on Monday 20th February.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson