

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have continued retelling the story 'The Highway Rat' written by Julia Donaldson. It is lovely to see the children working hard to make sure their letters are either tall, falling or small letters.



This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'ir' as in bird, 'oy' as in boy, 'ea' as in feather and 'ou' as in cloud. Our tricky words for the week have been: many, any, who, whole and two. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. In preparation for the Phonics screening check in June, we have been reading pseudo (nonsense) words with the children. In class, we are calling these 'alien' words as each word has a picture of an alien next to it. When reading these 'alien' words, we are encouraging the children to decode and blend to ensure these are read accurately.

In Maths, we have been using the language '**tens and ones**' to describe two-digit numbers. Next week, we will continue to explore numbers within 100 and compare them using the inequality symbols < > .

In Geography we have been learning about the seven continents. We have listened to this song to help us with our learning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYn0HSVePbA>

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.

Please remember that school is closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson