

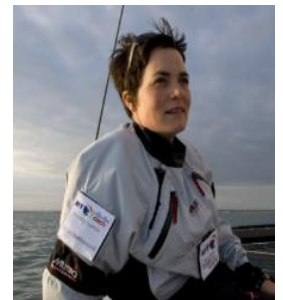
Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics this week, we have been reviewing the suffixes **-ed** and **-ing**, thinking carefully about how they change the meaning of words and practising reading and spelling words that contain them. We have also recapped the tricky words **move**, **improve**, **hour**, **pretty** and **beautiful**, focusing on recognising and reading them fluently within sentences. The children have worked hard to apply their phonics knowledge in both their reading and writing activities.

In Maths, we have been learning about **position and direction**. The children have been using positional language such as **above**, **below**, **left** and **right** to describe where objects are located. We have also explored turns, learning how to recognise and describe **quarter turns**, **half turns** and **three-quarter turns**, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. The children enjoyed taking part in practical activities where they followed and gave directions, helping to develop their understanding of movement and orientation.

In Science, we have been exploring **wild animals and pets**. The children have discussed the differences between animals that live in the wild and those that are kept as pets. We thought about their habitats, what they eat and how their needs are met. The children enjoyed sharing their own experiences of pets and learning about a variety of animals from around the world.

In History, we have been comparing the past explorer **Christopher Columbus** with the present-day explorer **Dame Ellen MacArthur**. The children learnt that Christopher Columbus' first voyage took place in **1492**, over 500 years ago, making it **beyond living memory**. They also discovered that Dame Ellen MacArthur's world record voyage took place in **2005**, which is much closer to the present day and is **within living memory**. The children thought of lots of interesting reasons why exploration has changed over time, including advances in technology, transport, communication and safety equipment.



On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Cannon Hall Farm**. We met our farm tour guide, **Andy**, who took us on a tour around the farm and taught us lots of interesting facts about the animals. The children loved seeing the different animals up close and learning about how they are cared for. We also spent time exploring the outdoor play areas and particularly enjoyed bouncing on the giant **bouncy pillows**. It was a wonderful day filled with learning, fun and memorable experiences.

On Thursday 9th July, we have our sports events taking place between 9:30 and 10:30. We look forward to seeing many of you there to join us in cheering on the children. Please ensure your child has the appropriate sportswear in school (white t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers) to ensure they are able to take part.

Many Thanks

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson