

# Year 1 Newsletter



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

For English, we watched a video clip of 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We described the Rainbow Fish's appearance and personality at the beginning of the story and discussed how different the Rainbow Fish was by the end of the story. We also discussed about what qualities make a good friend. We wrote on coloured fish's scales the most important qualities to make a good friend and glued them to our own Rainbow Fish.

For Design and Technology, we began sewing our very own Rainbow Fish using coloured felt. We used a running stitch to attach the felt pieces together and put stuffing between the two layers. Then we decorated our fish with sequins to give them more of a Rainbow Fish appearance.



In History, we recapped what we had learnt about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing and why it was such an important event. Then we learnt about another explorer, Christopher Columbus and his discovery of America. We discussed the similarities and differences between the two explorers and their journeys.

In maths, we looked at measuring capacity in millilitres and practised reading the capacity of different containers. We also refreshed our memories of finding how many tens and ones are in a number. Finally, for maths we sang the months of the year, then answered questions about the months and the seasons.

For PSHE this week, we began a program called 'Zippy's Friends,' which is designed specially to teach all 5-7 year olds how to cope with difficult situations and emotions. Over Term 6, will discuss different feelings, practise saying how we feel in different situations and discuss ways to make ourselves feel better.

After half term, we will be sending home spellings to practise again. If your child wants to practise reading more real and pseudo words over the half term, there are examples of past phonics screening test papers available here, which can be downloaded: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

(scroll down to phonics screening check resources, then click on a year. Then choose 'phonics screening check: pupils' materials').



[2016 phonics screening check: pupils' materials](#)

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Have a lovely half term! Miss Hutchings