



Snapshot of Year 1



Date: 12th January 2018

What We're Learning

English: This week in English we have started our hamster instructions. We 'boxed up' the instructions, looked at the features of instructions and learnt them. We now know what a hamster needs, how to feed it, what to put in its cage and how to stop its teeth growing too long.

What should you give a hamster to keep its teeth short?

Maths: This week in Maths we had a big change, we moved to our new maths sets! We had fun meeting our new (or not so new) teachers and learning all about numbers as words. Reading numbers as words is really tricky, especially numbers that you can't sound out. Our trickiest ones were one and eight.

*Can you solve a sum with numbers as words?
e.g. five + three = ___*

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Project Based Learning: This week in PBL we learnt all about Christopher Columbus and sang a very funny song about him.

Can you remember why he is famous?

Science: This week in Science we talked about Animals including Humans. We learnt about 5 animal groups (fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles) and discussed their differences and similarities.

Can you think of the name of 1 bird?

**Read Every
Night!**



Notes from the teachers

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring their PE kits in on Wednesday! This will be every Wednesday for the foreseeable future.

As you may be aware, new Maths and Phonics groups started this week. Groups are based on the amount of adult support children need in these subjects. Groups are fluid and will be changing throughout the year. Rest assured, if we have any concerns about your child, we will speak to you directly and, as always, feel free to make an appointment to meet any of the teachers at any point. We are here to help!

Thank you so much to everyone for so much positive feedback so far this year. We are so enjoying working together with you all!

Handwriting

Handwriting is a crucial element of writing in Year 1. Children are required to form their letters correctly using one continuous movement and sit them all neatly on the lines.

To assist with any confusion, we will have a focus letter and number each week to practise at home.



Letter 'c'

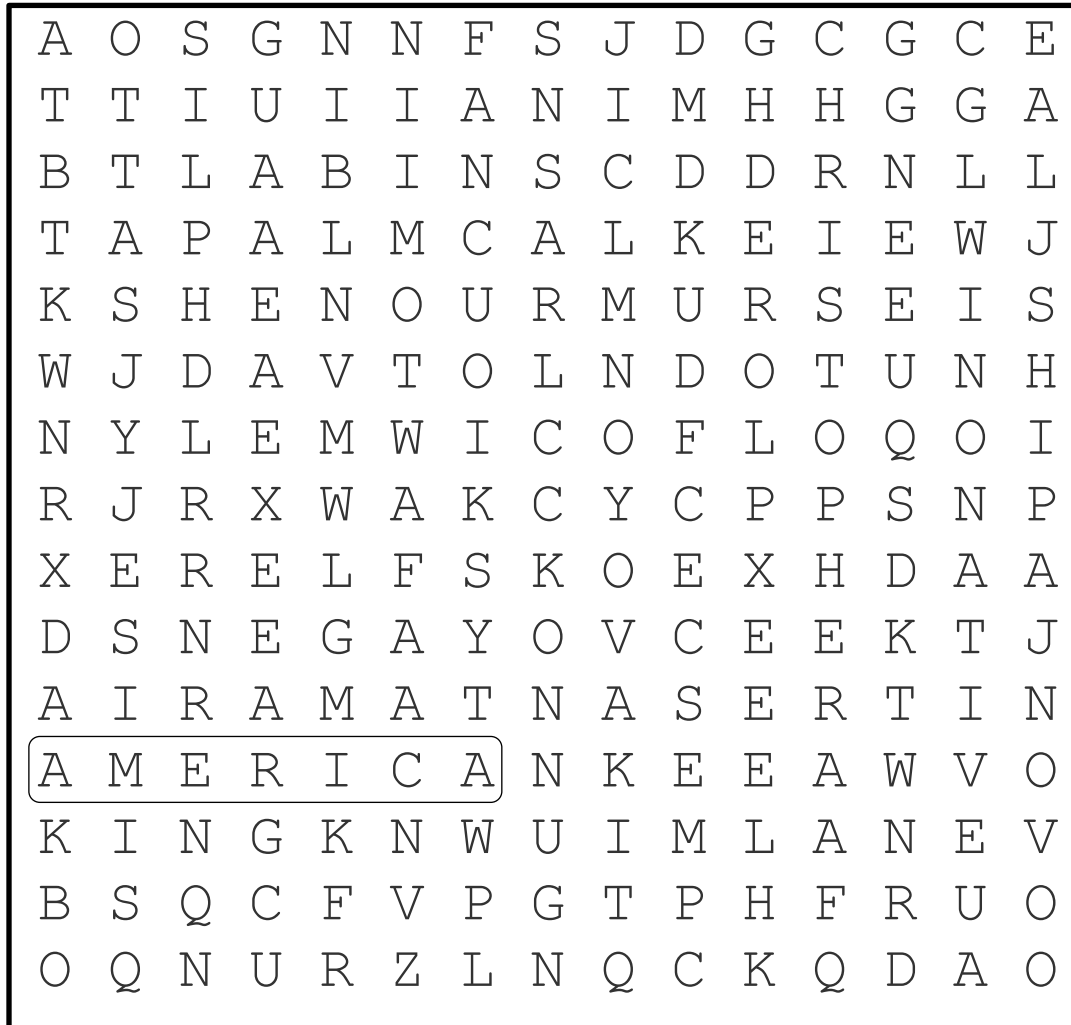


Number '1'

Year 1 Homework

Due Wednesday 17th January

At the request of a beautifully keen and enthusiastic parent, here is a Christopher Columbus themed word search for you to enjoy over the weekend - try your best! We don't expect children to do this by themselves so please help them. Discuss the words with your children - what do they mean? If you aren't sure, Google them or look them up in a dictionary!



~~America~~
Atlantic Ocean
Bahamas
Christopher
Columbus
Discovered
Explored
King
Native

New World
Nina
Pinta
Queen
Sailed
Santa Maria
Ship
Spain
Voyage