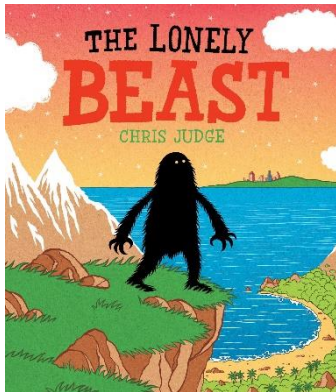


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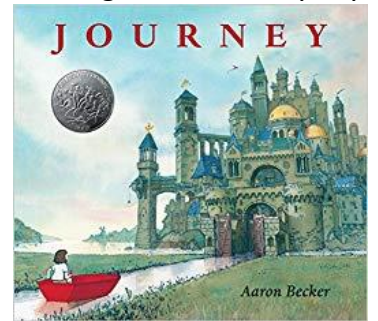
In Spring 2, Year 1 will be learning all about famous explorers and exciting adventures.

In English, we will be looking at adventure stories where the characters show courage and determination to go on exciting quests.



The books we will be using are “The Lonely Beast” by Chris Judge and “Journey” by Aaron Becker.

We will be continuing to focus on writing a sentence with a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces between each word and a full stop at the end. We will continue to focus on making our writing more interesting by using questions and exclamations. We will be learning about adding “s” or “es” to make plurals. We will be looking at speaking and writing using the past and present tense. We will also be learning about adding the prefix “un” to change the meaning of a word.



The website Espresso has many videos to help explain these to your child and the links are below. Your child has already been given his/ her own password for this website.

1. Using finger spaces

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/b11a3e6d-ef29-4671-8e69-cc18c51acd29>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6b4c604d-6216-40ee-9d62-caa9ae4da4ee>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/1d4b8dab-2d70-461d-a5c3-185ec3155ce5>

2. Capital letters and full stops

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/e209e37b-70f8-4c2d-925f-78eadee6ea49>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6083abfa-6e0d-4941-86f5-0bc8d62e4970>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/6adc945d-925c-45fc-acc7-c4da347cfd90>

3. Using question marks and exclamation marks

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/09e527b5-0603-4d9d-a001-e60742bbb08c>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/76355a8f-e20e-47a2-9251-a8a5d727037c>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/d8f6e31a-8c80-4626-b850-d7c31ea65579>

4. Adding suffixes – ing and –ed to words

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/0dd4e4c5-d1a6-4d1b-b17c-11efa0ac8c21>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/bf2dff0-e7d0-4e12-bb1c-c3c639e5a312>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/5a2c615e-60f4-456a-8df6-90708e59919c>

5. Adding “s” and “es” to make plurals

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/2e08a2e1-34d5-4a77-bb16-33efefce23d3>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/d023ecdc-747a-46ca-9a0c-dfd2664ebdd9>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/8ecf6f79-f7a9-4d1d-bd37-f00cdc08e411>

6. Adding “un” to the beginning of a word to change the meaning

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/1570145e-9605-49f1-b77c-69f1d0c76c72>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/4a016f0b-63a9-4950-b273-0e52818cb5a1>
<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/player/63a7d57c-1f1a-4395-8137-5fed90c4e2fc>

Some of the vocabulary might be new to your child so please help him/her with learning to understand these words:

beast/ creature (an animal)	lonely (sad because you have no friends)	alone (no-one else is with you)	journey (travelling somewhere)
quest (a long and difficult search for someone or something)	tending (looking after)	undertake (carry out or do)	determination (to do something and not let anyone stop you until it is done)

We will continue to use **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised)** phonics scheme to teach your child phonics. The Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (revised) website has lots of really helpful information about the phonemes that we teach in Year1 with videos showing how to pronounce all of the different sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

This really helpful link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw has videos of lessons teaching all the phonemes in the order that they are taught. Look for Spring Term Year 1 lessons, select Play All and then scroll down to Lesson 1.

Also find below another useful link to the Espresso website which with games and activities which will help the children with learning all the phonic sounds that they need to know by the end of Year 1 (Phase 5 Letters and Sounds):

https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/channels/channel/88a51a48-587e-4fef-af49-b069191cdd77?embed=false&embed_origin=false

We will continue to assess the children this term on reading and writing the first 100 high frequency words. The children need to know how to read and write these by the end of Year 1. Please help your child to practise reading and spelling these words. Please find below a link to Espresso which will help them with reading and spelling these words:

<https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/search?q=high%20frequency%20words>

Many thanks
Year 1 team