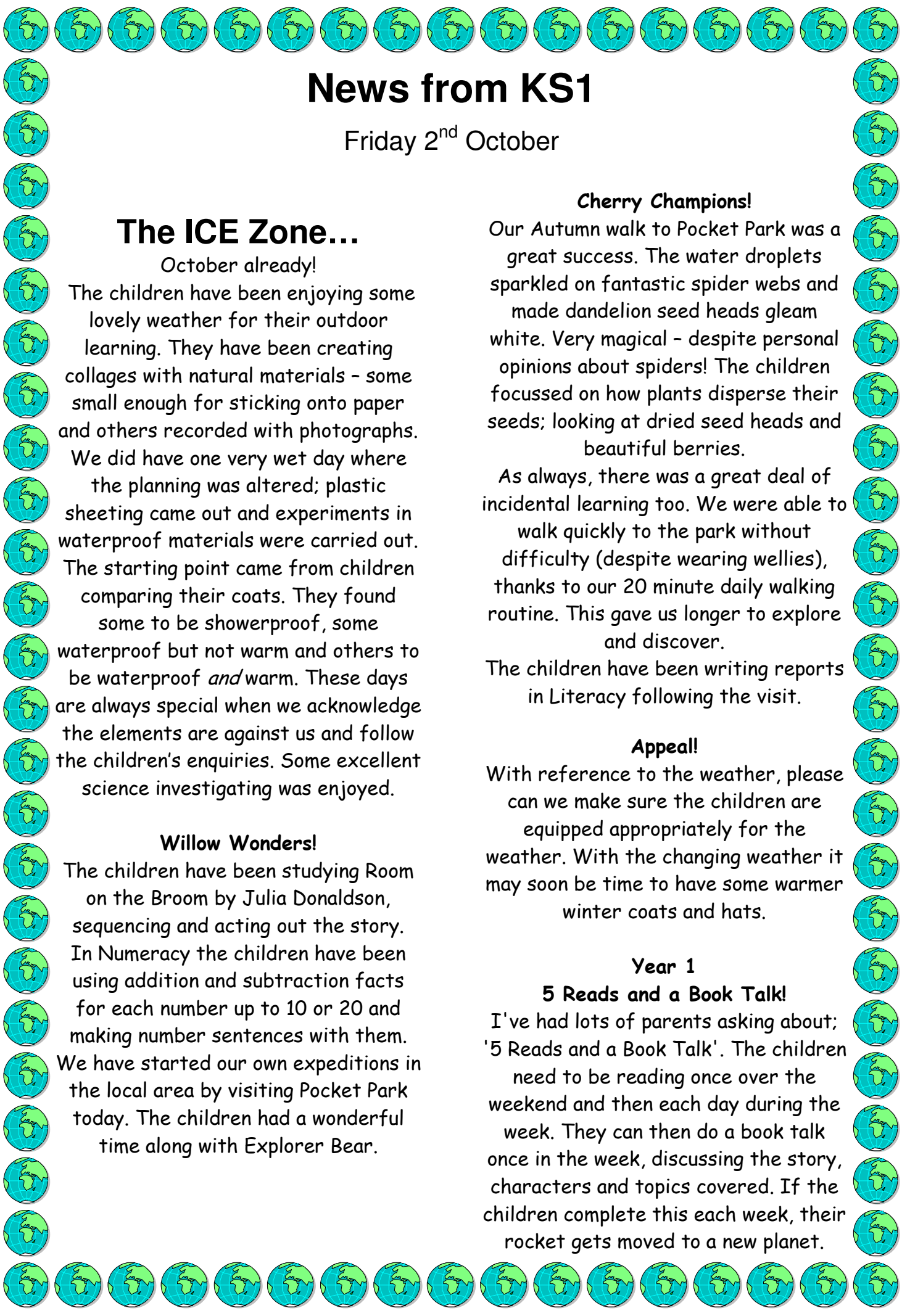




News from KS1

Friday 2nd October

The ICE Zone...

October already!

The children have been enjoying some lovely weather for their outdoor learning. They have been creating collages with natural materials - some small enough for sticking onto paper and others recorded with photographs.

We did have one very wet day where the planning was altered; plastic sheeting came out and experiments in waterproof materials were carried out. The starting point came from children comparing their coats. They found some to be showerproof, some waterproof but not warm and others to be waterproof *and* warm. These days are always special when we acknowledge the elements are against us and follow the children's enquiries. Some excellent science investigating was enjoyed.

Willow Wonders!

The children have been studying Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson, sequencing and acting out the story. In Numeracy the children have been using addition and subtraction facts for each number up to 10 or 20 and making number sentences with them. We have started our own expeditions in the local area by visiting Pocket Park today. The children had a wonderful time along with Explorer Bear.

Cherry Champions!

Our Autumn walk to Pocket Park was a great success. The water droplets sparkled on fantastic spider webs and made dandelion seed heads gleam white. Very magical - despite personal opinions about spiders! The children focussed on how plants disperse their seeds; looking at dried seed heads and beautiful berries.

As always, there was a great deal of incidental learning too. We were able to walk quickly to the park without difficulty (despite wearing wellies), thanks to our 20 minute daily walking routine. This gave us longer to explore and discover.

The children have been writing reports in Literacy following the visit.

Appeal!

With reference to the weather, please can we make sure the children are equipped appropriately for the weather. With the changing weather it may soon be time to have some warmer winter coats and hats.

Year 1

5 Reads and a Book Talk!

I've had lots of parents asking about; '5 Reads and a Book Talk'. The children need to be reading once over the weekend and then each day during the week. They can then do a book talk once in the week, discussing the story, characters and topics covered. If the children complete this each week, their rocket gets moved to a new planet.