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Our Week in Year 1



This week we have...

English - We have continued to learn about verbs but this time adding the suffix 'ed' and 'ing' to change the tense of the verb in our sentences.

We also continued with our handwriting practice and learning our new spelling words.

History - We wrote some questions to ask the adults that shared their toys from the past.

Maths - We have practised answering questions on all our Maths learning so far.

RE - This week we re-enacted the gospel story of Palm Sunday in the playground. The children loved waving their palm leaves as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey.

Notes for parents

Homework:

Reading - Continue to read regularly including your RWI books x 2 and any other books you may have at home.

Handwriting - Please practise these letters in your child's handwriting book. To help you with this, please watch and follow the videos below. The children will be familiar with these videos as we have used them in our handwriting lesson.

Letter k (NOTE THIS IS DIFFERENT)-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/G2NvPXAd/dDHr3emb>

Letter j - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8nIW1wES/j6Sc9apC>

Letter v - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ODAc6gvV/2CjVPMvu>

Spelling - New words this week - **his her but put Tuesday**

Use the Edshed/Spelling Shed website. Your child's login will be in their reading record. Let us know if you have any problems logging in.

The spellings can be practised on the website and/or on paper. Each week the children will learn the spelling words and a strategy for additional practice e.g. rainbow writing.

Maths.co.uk - 'Addition and Subtraction (within 20)' quiz.

Extra learning practice at home - Please do check your child's bag / reading record book for any extra practise work being sent home e.g. practising phonic sounds, handwriting, sentence writing etc. Please complete and return where needed.

Other Notes

Helen Arkell Sponsor read - Please continue to read at home and raise money for Helen Arkell 😊 Deadline is Monday 9th March. More details below.

Lent Concert - Wednesday 25th March (1.45-3.00pm) & Thursday 26th March (9.15-10.30am) - more details below.



Prayer Bag - Please see letter below explaining all about our new Year 1 Prayer Bags for the children to take home and enjoy! They will be sent home to one child every **Friday**. Please return the bag by **Thursday (latest)** so we can check the inventory and send out to a new child every Friday. Thank you!

History - Our new topic next half term is 'Toys and Games': -

As part of this topic, we would like to invite parents to come in and share with the children some of their old toys from the past. We plan on doing this during the week of **9th March**. If you are able to come in, please let Miss Dalton and Mrs Edgell know.

PE (every Tuesday for Swans and every Wednesday for Skylarks) - this term, PE will be moving outside. Please ensure your child has the correct and weather appropriate kit (all named), together with **outside trainers**. No earrings on PE and Games Day please.

PE Changing - We have noticed that some children need quite a lot of time to get changed. Please could you practise changing quickly in/out of clothes as we only have a limited amount of time for PE changing in school.

Please also check that your child's kit still fits them. The children are growing and some are finding that their PE kits are too tight to put on or take off. Thank you.

Book Bags- Please can you check your child's book bag regularly and clear it out at the end of each week. We have noticed some of their book bags are rather full! Please also check your child's name is clearly written on the outside of the bag.

Book Bag Key Rings - A reminder that your child should only **have 1 small** keyring on their bag. We are noticing that some children have quite a few including large teddy type keyrings. This causes difficulty in storing the bags. Please can you check your child's bag. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th March - Farnham Federation Schools - Ball Skills Event! William Cobbett Primary School is hosting this exciting event just for Year 1 children. The children will meet other Year 1's from other local schools and be put into mixed groups to ensure a festival atmosphere. Please arrive from 3:45pm for a **4pm start**. Parents/carers must attend but the teams will be supported by Sports Leaders from the host school (so parents can simply enjoy cheering on!). We look forward to seeing lots of you there! Please see below a letter from Mrs Ramsden with more details.

Thursday 12th March 3:15-4:00pm - Open Book Afternoon. Parents/carers are invited into classrooms to look at their child's exercise books.

Friday 13th March - INSET DAY. School is closed.

Monday 16th March - Extra *GAMES* lesson today (in addition to their normal PE and Games lessons this week). **Please can all children wear Games kit today (and Friday as normal).**

Monday 23rd March - Parents Evening (in person)

Wednesday 25th March - Lent Concert (1.45 - 3pm)

Thursday 26th March - Lent Concert (9.15 - 10.30am)

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 Team

Lent Concert 2026

This year's Lent Concert (in aid of Mary's Meals and the Catholic Children's Society) will be on **Wednesday 25th March (1.45-3.00pm) & Thursday 26th March (9.15-10.30am)**. This concert is a fantastic fundraising opportunity where each year group joins together to perform a song. Please put the dates in your diaries; further details will come out nearer the time.

This year our Swans and Skylarks will be singing 'Together As A Family' from BBC Assembly Songs. Please have a look at the following link where you will find the lyrics, a demonstration, and a backing track. They have also some actions, please do support your child's practise where possible. Thank you! [All together as a family - BBC Teach](#)

Helen Arkell Sponsored Read

Dear Parents,

For our charity event this year, Year 1 have decided to complete a 'Sponsored Read' to raise money for The Helen Arkell Centre.

The Helen Arkell Centre is a local dyslexia charity and Hazel and their mascot 'Teddy Arkell' came to visit school this week. During the visit we learnt a little about dyslexia, how our money will help and Teddy's favourite book.

As parents, we ask you to sponsor your child to read at home as much as possible over the following 3 weeks, (16/2, 23/2, 2/3). You could sponsor an amount per book or page. We are aiming to not only raise money for this worthwhile charity but also raise the profile of reading. The books can be your school banded book or ANY OTHER BOOK your child wishes to read.

We will send home a sponsor form. Money will need to be returned **to school** by Monday 9th March.

Thanks in advance for your support with this event.

Mrs Edgell, Mrs Walker and Miss Dalton

Wednesday 11th March - Ball Skills Event!

Dear parents/carers,

Our Year 1 Farnham Schools Ball Skills Festival is on Wednesday 11th March at **William Cobbett Junior School**. The children will meet other Year 1's from other local schools and be put into mixed groups to ensure a festival atmosphere. This is to promote the fun aspect of games. It is part of the programme of Farnham Confederation sports events to encourage more children to take up a sport outside school. The teams will be supported by Sports Leads, upper Key Stage 2 children and often GCSE pupils from our secondary schools. Please note parents/carers must be in attendance with their child at the festival.

Parents/Carers will be responsible for their own children at the event including being responsible for any medication they may need.

Children who are attending will be given the opportunity to change into PE kits at the end of the day.

There is no parking available on site; parking is available on the surrounding streets. Parents are asked to use the pedestrian entrance at the bottom of the junior playground, where you will be met by young leaders.

Ball Skills Information

DATE: Wednesday 11th March 2025

PLACE: William Cobbett Junior School, Weybourne Rd, Farnham GU9 9ER

MODE OF TRANSPORT: Parents' Cars

INFORMATION: Parent/Carer must be in attendance with their child at the festival

EARLIEST ARRIVAL TIME AT William Cobbett Junior School: 3.45pm for registration with a member of St Polycarp's Y1 team and briefing about the event

TIME OF EVENT: 4pm -5pm

Please complete the online permission [form](#) if you would like your child to attend by Monday 9th March.

It would be wonderful to see lots of our St Polycarp's children attending this festival to celebrate and promote the fun aspect of games.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ramsden