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Our Week in Year 1



The children loved visiting the Milestones Museum last Friday! They did fantastic learning and enjoyed exploring the museum. Thank you to all our parent volunteers that joined us - we couldn't have gone without you 😊

This week we have been learning...

English - we practised listening to a story and answering questions about it.

Maths - we learnt about missing number problems and began learning our new topic - place value within 50! Please practise counting forwards and backwards up to 50 at home 😊

RE - We continued our Desert to Garden topic and listened to the gospel story of the widow's mite. The children thought of questions they would like to ask the widow and the other people at the temple.

Science - This week we started our new topic - Plants! We went on a plant hunt outside looking at different features of plants, including **flower, stem, roots and leaf**. We then planned an investigation to find out if beans need water to grow!

History - Thank you to Everly's mummy, who came to talk to Y1 about her toys from the past. The children loved asking lots of different questions.

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. We have noticed some Handwriting books are running out of space but these letters are our last ones so please use up any spare lines or use paper.

Letter w - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QrI33ZQA/Z3rPdtK8>

Letter x - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/e4DCIA3R/eqXa9Q8i>

Letter z - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1p6Mixxa/ccKu7O9>

Spelling - New words this week **the and was you Wednesday**

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 - 'Arithmetic (E)' quiz to complete please (approx. 15 mins).

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.

Notes for parents

Helen Arkell Sponsor read - Thank you to those who have already bought in their donations from your sponsored read. Please bring in any donations for Helen Arkell as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

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!



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.

Dates for your Diary

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).**

Thursday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day. All children in St Joseph's house can wear green today!

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](#)