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Our Week in Year 1



It has been a busy week!

English - we continued with learning about grammar, focusing on adjectives. We attempted to write a sentence with a list of adjectives e.g. The bear is big and brown.

Maths - We have been learning our number bonds to 20 and doubles!

In RE we learnt the story of Zacchaeus and then wrote a letter reflecting on what Zacchaeus learnt from meeting Jesus.

In Science we compared different features of animals.

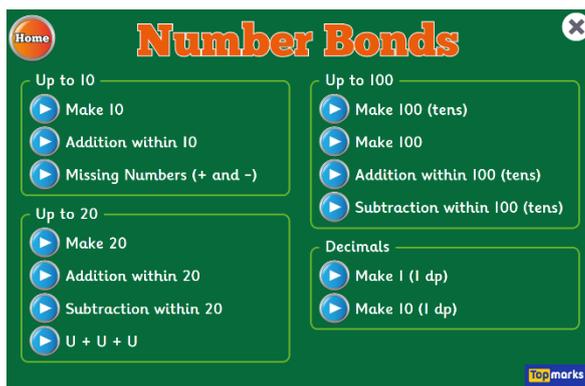
In Art, we completed our sea creature sculptures and then reflected on what we had made.

In Geography, we looked at how we can prepare for different weather across all four seasons.

Notes for parents

Homework

Maths - This week we have learnt doubles and number bonds to 20. Please practise these at home. You could use an online game called 'Hit the button', see guidance below:



For number bonds, please select 'Up to 20' → Make 20.

For doubles, please select 'Number Range' → Doubles to 10

No test on Maths.co.uk this week but if you have any outstanding, please try to catch up!

Reading - 2 x RWI books and any other books you may have at home.

Spelling words - no go so of all

Spelling Homework - 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.

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 lessons

Letter n - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iCyYKUMO/hSftXVIZ>

Letter m - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/09Wzs5kc/ueYQyyU7>

Letter r - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/93LZXP4k/IxCWf04K>

Sentence Writing Practice - For some children, extra practice at writing a simple sentence would benefit them. A picture will be sent home in their handwriting book. Please keep the handwriting book in their bags so that we can see how your child is getting on with this.

Other Notes

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 Kit - Please ensure your child has a **full** PE kit to change into on their PE day. This includes socks and trainers. Please also pack jogging bottoms as the children are sometimes in their PE kit when they are outside for play time.

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.

Glue Sticks - we are running very low again. If you are willing and able to donate any glue sticks, we would be very grateful.

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!

Diary Dates

Friday 13th February - One World Celebration - children can wear pink or red colours to school. See poster below.

Friday 13th February - Break up for the half term. Return Monday 23rd February.

Tuesday 24th February - St. Polycarp's Science fair - details to follow.

Monday 2nd March - World Book Week! **Dress up day is Thursday 5th March.**

Friday 6th March - Year 1 School Trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to explore their new topic of Toys and Games. Further details have been sent separately. Please remember to complete the permission form online.

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!

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 23rd March - Parents Evening (in person).

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

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

Thursday 26th March - Parents Evening (online).

Have a wonderful and restful 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](#)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here in the St Polycarp's family, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus through playing, praying, loving and learning together.

To support us in continuing to live out our mission, your child will bring home our class *prayer bag*. It includes simple, age-appropriate resources to help you pray together as a family. The prayer bag will be brought home by a different child in the class each week.

You'll also find a prayer diary where you and your child can write/draw any thoughts, prayers or intentions if you wish. The prayer bag will be sent home on a Friday.

The prayer bag is a wonderful way of linking the prayer life of our school and home by encouraging the children to practise and lead their own prayer sessions with their families and share their spiritual experience. We hope this shared experience brings moments of peace, connection and joy to your home.

Thank you.



*The One World Committee
invites the children of
St Polycarp's to dress in red
and pink Mufti on
13 February 2026
to show love and solidarity
to the Ihemi Community,
Tanzania.*

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