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## Our Week in Year 1

Below are some of the things we have learnt this week. Your child might like to tell you a little more about a few of these:

In English, we have been learning about rhyming words and poetry. We then wrote a class poem about Christmas!

In Maths, we have started our next topic on place value - numbers up to 20. The children were understanding the 'teen' numbers by making them using different maths resources in the classroom. Please practise counting forwards and backwards (from any number) at home!

In RE, we learnt about how Christians celebrate Christmas. With our parents, we made a Christingle and enjoyed our celebration service together. Then the children reflected on the lovely Christingle events and wrote their thoughts in their book.

In Science, we learnt about weather reporting and have begun to give a daily weather report, including describing the weather and checking the thermometer for the day's temperature.

In Art, we finished our topic on simple printing by creating our own printing plate out of plasticine and printed repeated patterns with ink in our sketch books!

In Computing, we consolidated our digital painting skills on the Paintz.app.

The children attended Christmas Mass on Friday morning. It was lovely seeing lots of our families join us - thank you!

We enjoyed watching the Year 2 Liturgy about the true meaning of Christmas.

The children had a lovely Christmas lunch on Wednesday and enjoyed wearing their Christmas hats/jumpers!

### Homework

Regular reading of the Read Write Inc. books (RWI) and any other books that you have at home!

Handwriting practice - letters x z

Maths: Please complete a Maths.co.uk task called 'Arithmetic (B)'. It should take approximately 15 mins.

Extra Maths - Following our learning of addition & subtraction and 2D & 3D shapes this half term, you could also play some extra maths games at home (this week or over the Christmas holidays)

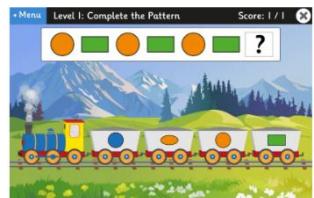
1. You could practice addition and subtraction using the 'Mental Maths Train' game on Top Marks website. When you select 'Play game' please choose the options + and - and select 'Up to 10' and you could also try 'Up to 20'.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/mental-maths-train>



2. We have been learning how to make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes so here's a game called 'Shape Patterns' on Top Marks you could play at home! Select Level 1 or 2 😊

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>



### Notes for parents

*Please could you try to complete any outstanding Maths and/or Handwriting tasks so your child is feeling ready and confident to start their new Spring term learning when we return in 2026!*

*Please look out for a note (Swans - in the Reading Record / Skylarks - in the book bag) to inform you of your child's Phonics Group in the new school term after Christmas.*

*Please remember to pack your child's Handwriting book in their book bags every day.*

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school!

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Swans will not have their PE lesson as they are attending the Epiphany Mass at church in the morning with the rest of the school.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all our children and families! Thank you for all your support this term and we look forward to seeing you in 2026.**

**Warm regards,**

**The Year 1 Team**

### Handwriting Position:

- put two feet on the floor
- push their bottom to the back of their chair
- tuck their chair under the table
- hold their pencil in a tripod grip
- place their other hand on their book or paper, so it doesn't move around.

### Letter formation:

Down the arm and leg and repeat the other side



Zig-zag-zig





## Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

### Theme for 2026

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Winnie the Pooh, the theme is:

“Literary Characters inspired by the Natural World”

Think of beloved favourites such as The Hungry Caterpillar, Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-Duck, Superworm and Alice in Wonderland.

### How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple—bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to [bloom@farnham.gov.uk](mailto:bloom@farnham.gov.uk) or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 23rd January 2026.

### What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in early summer 2026.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



*The 2025 winning carpet bed design featuring a ladybird and flowers*