

**10.1.25**



# **Our Week in Year 1**



Happy New Year! Welcome back to school.

We hope you all had a restful break. All the team have been so pleased to see the children return to school with smiles and tales of their holidays.

Thank you again for all the cards, kind words and gifts we received before Christmas 😊

This week we have ...

Written about our Christmas holidays. We made sure we remembered to start our sentences with a capital letter and finish them with a full stop. We used our finger spaces and 'Fred fingers' to help us to spell words.

Listened to the fairy-tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and used actions to retell the story in class. We also created a story map to help us remember the story.

Continued to understand numbers up to 20.

Started our new topic 'Galilee to Jerusalem' in RE, which involved the children looking at different artwork representing the gospel of Anna and Simeon when Jesus was presented at the temple.

In Science we continued learning about seasons, focusing on the Winter season.

In Geography we looked at a map of the United Kingdom and located the 4 countries which make up the UK.

## **Dates for the Diary**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> January** - Census Day (please make sure you have ordered a school lunch)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Clubs start

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 1 and Year 5 Buddy Mass - 11am.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - PTA Movie Night 3.15pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term week

## **Notes for parents**

**Homework**

**Mathletics** x 2 activities = 'Making Teen Numbers' and 'Before, After and Between to 20'. Please also complete all outstanding Mathletics homework activities. These activities support children's learning in class. Any problems with this, then let us know.

### **Reading RWI books**

**Handwriting Practice** - please finish off any letters not yet completed as next week we will be introducing spelling homework. Red books will be sent home again. If you have already done this, please choose some letters that your child found more difficult at home and practise these again. Please continue to keep the red books in your child's bag as we will be collecting them in at the end of next week.

### **Reading Guidance - Handy Hints**

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions - **10 mins** a day is ideal.
- Always make reading fun not a chore.
- Talk and discuss the story.
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school.
- You can use the pictures to help read the text.
- Remember to Fred Talk (sound out) any unknown words using phonic sounds.

**Please remember to write the date and title of the book in the Reading Record. You can also add a comment if you wish.**

**Read Write Inc.** - Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 days.

**Accelerated Reader** - Children, who have finished RWI, will progress to reading Accelerated Reader books. Books will be chosen according to the ZPD level and changed regularly. A quiz needs to be completed once the book has been read.

**Children's voice** - we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, please encourage them to write a sentence about their book.

**PE Kit** - Please ensure your child has a **full** PE kit to change into on their PE day. This includes socks and trainers.

**Named coats, hats, gloves etc** - With the weather getting colder, we are seeing more coats, hats, gloves etc coming into school. Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.

**SCOPAY** - Please order your child's lunch in advance.

Have a great weekend!

Year 1 Team