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Our Week in Year 1



This week we have...

Been learning measurement in Maths, starting with mass. We have used balance scales and cubes to measure the mass of different objects.

In English we have planned and begun to write our own version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

In RE we wrote a prayer to Jesus after listening to the Gospel story of 'The Road to Emmaus'.

History – we continued our topic 'How explorers have changed the world' by writing about some explorer's achievements.

Art – we used our watercolour skills to paint a watercolour picture.

Homework

Reading – Please continue to read each day. Please read your RWI books (X2) and any other books you may have at home.

RWI Phonics extra practice at home. Follow the links to practise the relevant sound(s). Other sounds will follow each week.

a-e <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/OstL5wUC/17lUZDeE>

i-e <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rz07NDVs/j5Gyv00m>

Handwriting – We have now completed our Handwriting unit. Please do continue to practise any letters that you know your child is finding difficult. We will soon be checking your child's letter formation and letting you know any letters that need to be practised.

Spelling – push pull full now Saturday asked called looked here for

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 (see below for this and other ideas to use at home).

The weekly spelling quizzes will now include 6 spellings from the current week's list, 2 from the previous week and 2 from an earlier quiz. This approach uses retrieval practice, which helps children strengthen their memory and move spellings into long-term retention, rather than just learning them for a single test.

Please don't be concerned if scores dip slightly at first while children adjust to this format - this is a normal part of the learning process and will support stronger spelling knowledge over time.

Maths homework – Please complete 'Mass (A)' on Maths.co.uk this week.

Maths Challenge (optional) –

The objects are in order from heaviest to lightest.



What could the mass of the ball be?

Two balls could have the same mass as the car and teddy together.



Is Tiny correct?

ANSWERS

6, 7 or 8 blocks

Yes, Tiny is correct.

The car and teddy together have a mass of 14 blocks.

2 balls could have mass of 12 blocks, 14 blocks or 16 blocks.

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:

PE Skylarks – Next week only Skylarks PE lesson will be on Tuesday (28th April) – please wear kit to school.

Year 1 Games – Next week only Swans and Skylarks GAMES lesson will be on Thursday (30th April) – please wear kit to school.

Mini Marathon Friday 1st May – Please wear kit to school on Friday, see details below.

Phonics Parent Meeting – Thank you to those who were able to attend our meeting this week. Don't worry if you couldn't make it. The PowerPoint with all the information will be added to the Year 1 webpage. You can find it under Learning – Year Groups – Year 1 – Information for Parents. You will also find additional information about phonics including sound cards and practice word cards.

Library – for the remainder of this Summer term, we will now only go to the Library on a Thursday. Please continue to keep the library books in the book bag. Thanks.

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.

Jumpers and Coats – whilst the weather is still quite temperamental, please do ensure your child has a jumper **and** coat/waterproof jacket each day.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st May – St Polycarp's School Mini Marathon

Monday 4th May– Bank Holiday. School is closed.

Friday 22nd May – Last day of term.

Thank you,
The Year 1 Team.



St Polycarp's School Mini Marathon

Friday 1st May 2026



🇬🇧 On 1st May, the children of St Polycarp's Catholic School are lacing up their trainers for an unforgettable challenge – the TCS Schools Mini Marathon! 🇬🇧 🏃

Pupils and staff will take on an inspiring **2-mile run around the Daily Mile Track**, coming together to support and raise vital funds for our **wonderful community church**. With **music pumping, plenty of cheers**, and an amazing sense of togetherness, it's set to be a fantastic and fun-filled event!

Every child will proudly wear their **official running bib** as they run, jog, and stride their way around the course, showing what teamwork and community spirit are all about.

💖 **Please support our incredible runners** by donating if you can – every contribution makes a difference. Details on how to donate can be found below.

Thank you for helping us make this day truly special!



As many of you are aware, St Joan of Arc Catholic Church roof needs urgent repair and restoration. It has served us faithfully for many years but now the nails and battens are failing and need to be replaced as the tiles are in danger of falling and causing injury.

Use this [QR CODE LINK ADDRESS](#) to sign up. Every donation helps