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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:

Continued our teaching on subtraction in Maths, using a number line to help us.

Read the book 'The Wild Woods' and investigated question sentences. We also wrote our own questions in our book using the question words - What / Where / Who / When / Why / How.

Continued with our RE topic and looked at how Our Lady, Mary, is represented in different countries.

In Geography we went into the playground and used a simple map to find key features and fill in the words in the map key.

In Computing we explored 'digital painting' and used the website 'Paintz' to practise and made our own picture.

For Science we continued our topic on Seasonal Changes by choosing appropriate clothing for Autumn and talking about different events/activities that happen in Autumn.

In Art we produced our own artwork using printing with everyday objects.

Continued handwriting - correct letter formation and position on the line - see guidance below to help you support your child at home.

Homework

- Regular reading of the Read Write Inc. books (RWI) and / or library book.
- Handwriting practice - letters r, e and s. See guidance below.
- Maths.co.uk - **Addition and Subtraction (within 10) test**. We have come to the end of this unit in school so you can check your child's learning with this end of unit set of questions.
- Extra Maths challenge: You could also have a go at this Top Marks Subtraction to 10 game! You can click the link or the QR code <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10>



Notes for parents

PE Days – Swans back to **Tuesday** 25th November and Skylarks back to **Wednesday** 26th November. Thank you.

Coats and boots - As the weather is changeable at the moment, we appreciate that some children might choose to wear boots to/from school. Please could you ensure that suitable school shoes are in a bag so your child can change into them at school for the school day. Please also make sure your child has a warm coat as the weather is getting colder now.

Maths - Should you wish to support your child with additional Maths practice at home, please find below a parent link to the Maths teaching scheme 'White Rose' we use in school.

Maths with Michael'

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

Has your child done any charity work recently? As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

The Giving Tree - This Christmas season, we will be taking part in **The Giving Tree** to support children living in refuge (<https://kidsout.org.uk/the-giving-tree/>). These children can receive very little - or in some cases nothing at all at Christmas. Families (and staff!) will have the opportunity to take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift listed for a child, and return it to school. We will then take the gifts to the local collection point where they'll be distributed to children living in refuge.

Each tag includes the name of a child and the gift they or their parents have said they'd love to receive.

How it works:

- Tags will be available to take **from Monday 24th November** from the tree by the office (exact location TBC).
- Families can take a tag, buy the gift, and return it **unwrapped** to school, these can be left under the tree.
- Deadline for returning gifts: **Wednesday 10th December**. This then gives us time to take them to the collection point to be wrapped and distributed to the children in time for Christmas.

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 28th November** - INSET day - school is closed.
- **Monday 1st December** - school is closed
- **Tuesday 2nd December - Christmas Art Day (MUFTI)** Please come to school dressed in your Christmas Mufti for a day of festive art and craft fun. Please remember we will be using paint, glue and glitter so dress accordingly.
- **Wednesday 3rd December till Monday 8th December** - Scholastic Book Fair. Please come along to the Pope Francis Hall from 3.15pm. There will be a variety of books for you to purchase - books make great Christmas presents! All purchases will help the school buy extra books for all. Payment is via the QR code (on the day) - NO CASH or CARD (see below).
- **Friday 5th December - PTA Christmas Fayre. Music timings:**
 - ❖ 3.30 - 3.40: EYFS
 - ❖ 3.45 - 4.00: Teachers
 - ❖ 4.15 - 4.25: Year 2
 - ❖ 4.30 - 4.40: Choir
- **Thursday 11th December** - Christmas Charity Run - look out for details in the main school newsletter.
- **Monday 15th December** - Year 1 Christingle Service. We invite all parents/carers to come into school on this day in the afternoon (2:15pm - 3:15pm) to help your child make a Christingle and then we all go into the Main Hall for a celebration. More details to follow.

Many thanks for all your support. We wish you a very happy and restful weekend.

The Year 1 Team 😊

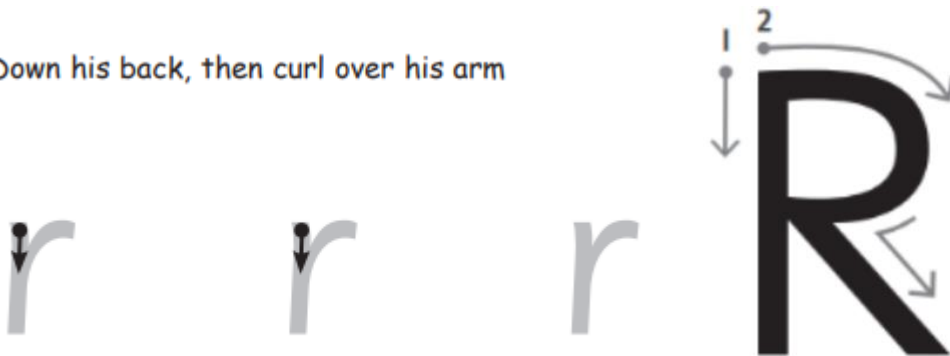
Handwriting Guidance

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 his back, then curl over his arm



Lift off the top and scoop out the egg



Slither down the snake

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Pope Francis Hall
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