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Our Week in Year 1



This week we have...

In English we learnt about the conjunction 'and' used it to write longer sentences. We also sequenced the fairy-tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and wrote longer sentences using 'time words'.

Looked at number lines in Maths and how to use them. We're learning numbers up to 20, including finding one more and one less.

Continued with 'Seasonal changes', focusing on activities and clothing in Winter. We also went to look at our oak tree to see the changes to it in this season.

We began our spelling lessons, learning how to spell 10 words. We also learnt how to use 'rainbow writing' to help us to practise.

RE we are learning about Jesus' early life and the visit he made to the temple with Mary and Joseph when he was twelve years old.

Geography we learnt about the four compass points and went outside to investigate what we could see at each point.

Art we started our new topic 'Collage' and looked at artwork by Henri Matisse and Kurt Schwitters.

PSHE we learnt about how to 'speak out, stay safe' and who we can talk to if we need help.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 28th January 2:45pm - Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) and Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) Parent Meeting. You are invited to come into Swans classroom at 2:45pm to learn about what we teach in these subjects in Year 1. You can also find out more information on our school website here [St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School - PSHE and RSE](#).

Thursday 30th January - Year 1 and 5 Buddy Mass at church 11:00am. All are welcome to join.

Thursday 20th March - Year 1 School Trip to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to explore their new topics of Toys and Games. Further details have been sent separately.

Notes for parents

Homework

1. Athletics 2 activities = 'Matching numbers to 20' and 'More, Less or the Same to 20'
2. Reading RWI books (and any other books)
3. Spelling practice (this has replaced Handwriting) **I is in it if one two three four five.**

Use the Edshed/Spelling Shed website. Let us know if you have any problems logging in.

Spelling - Each week the children will be taught how to spell 10 words. These words will be the 'red words' from phonics, the Year 1 statutory words and other high frequency words. The words will start off quite easy and then become challenging as time goes on. We will also teach the children a strategy to use for practising spelling e.g. rainbow writing.

The children will then have these words as homework. Spelling homework is completed on the Edshed/Spelling Shed website using fun activities. Login details have been glued into your child's reading record. If you would like to practise further, then please feel free to do so especially if your child is finding spelling some words difficult.

There will be a spelling quiz the following week on the words the children have completed for homework. This will usually be at the beginning of the next week so it is a good idea to complete spelling homework earlier on.

Please allow your child to practise doing their own zip when wearing their coat and to learn how to tie their own shoelaces on shoes.

Please remember to send your child into school each day with their water bottle (named).

DT Materials - please can we have any cardboard kitchen rolls and paper cups for our DT project this term please!



Number Practice - please continue to practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 (take care that your child is saying 'teen' rather than 'ty'). Also, practise writing the numbers.

Arriving at school in the morning -The school gates open at 8.30am. It is beneficial to your child to arrive at school nearer this time. In the morning, the children are given additional time to practise their learning. This could be for example, writing sentences, reading or number work. If your child arrives as the gates are closing or after, then they are missing vital learning practice. Should you have any problems with arriving at school in good time, then please speak to your class teacher. We do understand that **occasionally**, there will be difficulties.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a great weekend! 😊

The Year 1 Team