

# 7.2.25



## Our Week in Year 1



It has been a busy last week!

Helen Arkell Visit - Hazel came to visit us with Teddy Arkell. We talked about how we could help to raise money for this charity (see below).

English - we learnt an animal poem 'Walking in the Jungle' and wrote our own version with different animals.

Maths - We have been learning about doubles and using our number bonds to help with subtraction. You can practise doubles and number bonds at home 😊

In DT we made a windmill and wrote instructions on how to make one. As engineers, we also tested the windmill outside.

In RE we learnt the story of Zacchaeus and then wrote a letter reflecting on what Zacchaeus learnt from meeting Jesus.

In Science we learnt about different animal food groups - carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

### Notes for parents

**Homework** - Continue to read regularly including your RWI books x 2.

Spelling -No new spellings but please do practise previous words your child has found difficult.

Maths - No new activities assigned. Please catch up on any activities that are outstanding.

Practise number bonds and doubles [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#)

**Extra learning practise at home** - Please do check your child's bag for any extra practise work being sent home e.g. handwriting, spelling etc. Please complete and return.

**Swans PE - change of date.** Swans will have PE on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** instead of the Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.

**History - Our new topic next half term is 'Toys and Games': -**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Please can your child bring in their favourite toy from home (named). They will be used for our History lesson only and sent home the same day.

As part of this topic, we would like to invite parents to come in and share with the children some of their old toys from the past. We plan on doing this during the week of 10<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to come in, please let Miss Dalton and Mrs Edgell know.

**Glue Sticks** - we are running very low again. If you are willing and able to donate any glue sticks, we would be very grateful.

**PE** - next term, PE will be moving outside. Please ensure your child has the correct and weather appropriate kit (all named), together with **outside trainers**. No earrings on PE and Games day please.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Back to school

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Week (see details below)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Week Dressing Up Day (see details below)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - INSET Day School is closed to children.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** -Year 1 trip to Milestones Museum. Please ensure you have returned the signed permission slip on Scopay.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** - St. Joseph's Feast Day

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Lent Concert (see details below)

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March (in person) and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (remote)** - Parents evening.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - last day term - finish 1.30pm

Have a wonderful and restful half term break.

The Year 1 Team

### **Helen Arkell Sponsored Read**

Dear Parents,

For our charity event this year, Year 1 have decided to complete a 'Sponsored Read' to raise money for The Helen Arkell Centre.

The Helen Arkell Centre is a local dyslexia charity and Hazel and their mascot 'Teddy Arkell' came to visit school this week. During the visit we learnt a little about dyslexia, how our money will help and Teddy's favourite book.

As parents, we ask you to sponsor your child to read at home as much as possible over the following 3 weeks, (17/2, 24/2, 3/3). You could sponsor an amount per book or page. We are aiming to not only

raise money for this worthwhile charity, but also raise the profile of reading. The books can be your school banded book or ANY OTHER BOOK your child wishes to read.

We will send home a sponsor form. Money will need to be returned to school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanks in advance for your support with this event.

Mrs Edgell, Mrs Walker and Miss Dalton



St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School  
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## WORLD BOOK WEEK 2025

Dear parents and carers,

St Polycarp's World Book Week will start from **Monday 3rd March to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, with World Book Dressing Up Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.** Every year during our World Book Week we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the week including:



**Special guest readers:** We are inviting you as parents, careers or family members to come and read to your child's class, either in English or another language of your choice. This can be at the end of the day or a time that is convenient for you, we know your children will love it! Please let your class teacher know if this is something you can do.

**Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book!** Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](http://worldbookday.com/participating-retailers).

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be dressing up.** We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We will be carrying out a World Book Day parade at school to celebrate our love of reading!

**Resident author:** At St Polycarp's, we are fortunate enough to have children's author, Tom Easton, as our resident author. He will be visiting us on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** to carry out some workshops with each class. Tom will also be selling his own books in the library after school on this day from 3:30pm. Access to the book sale will be through the Early Years area.

**Shelfie/reading competition:** We will be carrying out a competition of who can read in the craziest place. Take a photo of the children reading and send it in. The crazier the better!

We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate all things reading!  
Best wishes

The English Team  
Mrs Edgell and Miss Maloney

## Lent Concert - Year One:

Our Skylarks and Swans will be joining together for our Lent Concerts to sing two songs. The first they are singing as a year group, you can hear it by accessing the following link: [While we live we learn -](#)

[BBC Teach](#) . The second song, 'My Lighthouse' will be performed by all of Key Stage 1 together. Please feel free to have a listen to these songs over Half Term. The lyrics will need to be performed by heart for the concert, so please do support your child in learning these if you are able.

### **While we Live we Learn**

While we live we learn, (while we live we learn,)  
While we learn we grow, (while we learn we grow,)  
And the more we grow, (and the more we grow,)  
So the more we know, (so the more we know,)  
And the more we know, (and the more we know,)  
Then the readier we will be  
For all life's big adventures  
And all life's mysteries.

### **My Lighthouse**

The lyrics and backing track for this can be found here: [My Lighthouse Instrumental Lyric Video Key:A](#)  
Although the following version is slightly different, the actions that we will be using are the same:  
[Rend Co. Kids - My Lighthouse \(Hand Motions\) \(Official Music Video\)](#)