

Year 1 Update

Friday 16th January 2026

RE

- This week, children have learnt how Jesus is a light of the world and how we can be a light in our everyday lives.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will learn about the story of finding Jesus in the temple and his hidden life (Luke 2:41-52).

English

- This week children have read the story 'Stanley Stick'. They thought of their own ideas for how Stanley could use his stick and then they wrote their own stories.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, children will begin their new book, 'Ruby's Worry'. They will be learning to write a recount of what happened.

Maths:

- This week, children were learning to find double and half of a number (up to 10 or 20).

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week children will be learning to identify 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

- This week children continued our topic, 'Sensitive Bodies'. They identified the 5 senses and what body part we use for each one.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will explore the senses of taste and touch.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Jesus Light of the world	Noun Conjunction Verb	Double Twice as many Half Share	5 senses Touch Taste Hear Feel Sight

Spelling Homework

Children will now receive spelling homework instead of the sentence writing homework. Children will need to learn their words or sentences and they will be tested on these every Friday. They will then take home the new words or sentences for the following week.

Maths Homework

Please check MyMaths for the next Maths activity.

Reminders/messages:

- Please see information below on the national bird watch (www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).
- Please try to make sure your child is in the line on the playground by 08:50am when the bell is rung. This is very important as children need to be into school as quickly as possible to begin their morning learning.
- We would love to give children the opportunity to share their favourite book from home next week. Please send in their favourite book on Monday 19th January and ensure it has their full name clearly written in the front of it.

Thank you for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Aimie & Elisha

BIG SCHOOLS' BIRDWATCH 2026

We are pleased to let you know that we will be taking part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026, and we would love for you to take part at home too.

This national survey helps to build a picture of garden bird populations across the UK. Through this activity, children will be working scientifically by observing birds and recording data carefully.

Please visit the link below to sign up and receive a free birdwatch guide: [RSPB Bird & Wildlife Conservation Charity](#)



HOW TO TAKE PART AT HOME:

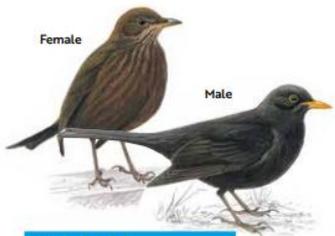
- Choose one hour between 23–25 January
- Only record the birds that land in your garden or chosen outdoor space
- Record the highest number of each bird species seen at any one time

Optional challenge: We would love to see children capture their observations through photographs or drawings and share them with their class.

Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1** Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 23 and 25 January 2026.
Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where only one bird is shown on the ID Chart, both male and female birds look similar but are not always identical.
- 2** Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.
Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.
- 3** Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch
Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture will be of how garden birds are faring.

If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.



Female

Male

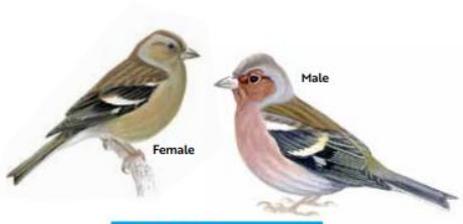
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Blue Tit

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Female

Male

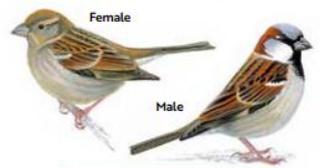
Chaffinch

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Coal Tit

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Female

Male

House Sparrow

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Dunnock

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Long-tailed Tit

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Collared Dove

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Greenfinch

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Robin

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Great Tit

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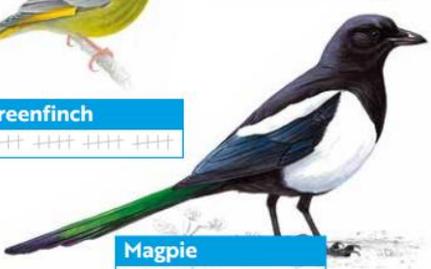
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Starling

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Magpie

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