

Year 1 Update

Friday 6th March 2026

RE

This week, children learnt about when Jesus was tempted in the desert.

Pre-Teaching:

Next week, children will be learning about Palm Sunday.

Forest School

The children continued to explore colour. Some children had fun throwing colourful Holi powder onto a big white sheet to create a colourful scene. Lots of children were very happy to experience some of the Holi powder on themselves, too - as is part of the tradition. Other children chose to experiment with hapa zome ('leaf dye'). Hapa zome is a Japanese art technique that involves hammering flowers and leaves onto fabric to create prints. The technique uses the natural pigments in the plants to create the prints. Some of the children who did this made animal designs including butterflies. Others were inventive in different ways and made their fabric prints into kites and flags. Some children learnt how to whittle a stick and used colours and yarn to decorate it. Children in both sessions helped Nicki work on the wildflower patch. They worked to clear the grass that was taking over and would stop the flowers growing successfully and by the end of the day there was a significant difference in the area.

English

- This week children continued their book, 'Martha maps it out'. They looked at a map of the local area and thought about people in the local community. They thought of adjectives to describe them.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, children will start to think of their own character for their own story about the local area.

Maths:

- This week, children have continued subtraction (up to 20).

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will explore equality and balance.

Science

- This week children sorted animals into groups which were amphibians, reptiles, mammals, fish and birds.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will be learning to describe a variety of animals.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Jesus Desert Temptation Sacrifice	Adjectives Description character	Subtraction Take away Think 10 Part- whole model Partition	compare group amphibians reptiles mammals warm blooded scaly skin

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.

Phonics Homework

Please remember to check Teams for the latest phonics videos to consolidate learning on the sounds they have been learning.

Maths Homework

Please check MyMaths for the next Maths activity.

Reminders/messages:

- Thank you to parents/carers for your support with World Book Day and our Kalpa workshops this week! The children had a great time in both!
- Please send in a box of tissues if you can as we do not have many left in the class.
- Forest school will continue on Monday 9th March. Please send children to school dressed in their old clothes.
- Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March. Your child's books will be available to look at in the classroom and your appointment with the teacher will be in the hall at your appointment time.
- On Friday 13th March, there will be a Y1 Mother's day assembly at 9:15am. Parents are invited to attend.

Thank you for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Aimie & Elisha