

Year 1 Update

Friday 20th March 2026

RE

This week, children looked at the story of Palm Sunday and The Last Supper.

Pre-Teaching:

Next week, children will be learning about the story, 'The widow's mite' (Lk 21:1-6).

Forest School

Some children worked with Emma to make their own seed paper. This involved tearing scrap paper into small pieces, soaking it, and making it into a pulp. They mixed in wildflower seeds and used a mesh printing screen to flatten their paper into a shape. Other children made their own dandelion flowers out of wool and pipe cleaners which required a lot of patience and focus. We brought our tin can alley with us this week due to the interest in throwing last week and there were groups of children in the morning and afternoon who spent a long time at this activity. We spoke about hand-eye coordination and how to become more accurate at throwing at a target. The Buddleia tree area was popular in both sessions.

English

- This week children continued their book, *Martha Maps it Out*. They wrote about what they see on their way to school using adjectives.

Pre-teaching:

- Next week, children plan their own writing about a journey in their local area.

Maths:

- This week, children have learnt to find missing numbers.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will be learning to solve word problems.

Science

- This week children were learning to describe different animal groups.

Pre-Teaching:

- Next week, children will explore the features of different animals.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Jesus Palm Sunday Palm leaf Jerusalem Last Supper	Adjectives Description character	Part Whole Unknown Add Subtract Plus Minus	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:

- Forest school will continue on Monday 23rd March. Please send children to school dressed in their old clothes.
- Thursday 26th March – Foodbank donation day.
- On Friday 27th March children are invited to wear comfortable sports clothes and trainers to school for the day as they will walk laps of the playground. On this day we would ask for a donation via The Gateway to The Catholic Children's Society. Their 2026 Lent Appeal: 'Small Deeds, Big Difference' is inspired by Pope Leo's call to help those in need through simple, meaningful actions.
- On Friday 27th March, school will finish at 1:30pm for the Easter holidays.
- School will resume on Monday 13th April.

Thank you for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Aimie & Elisha