

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday.



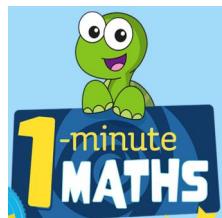
This week in Phonics, our sounds have been 'le' as in apple, 'al' as in metal, 'c' as in face and 've' as in have. Our tricky words for the week have been: school, call and different. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In PE, Year 1 have started their new gymnastics topic and performed a range of different gymnastics shapes, focusing on balance and control while remembering the golden rules: point, stretch and squeeze.

In Maths, we have been learning to count in groups of five. Using gloves, hands and 5p coins the children have explored different things that come in a group of 5 and how we can count them efficiently.

One key aspect of Maths is fluency. It is important for children to have a range of number facts at their fingertips which they can use flexibly to help them solve problems and calculations. These range from addition and subtraction strategies (e.g. doubling, number bonds to 10/20) to multiplication and division facts.

White Rose Maths Hub have an app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their addition and subtraction fluency skills and to recognise key facts quickly. Many of the key facts practised on the app are key for children in Year 1 to have automatic recall of. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.



Many Thanks,

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson