



# Weekly Learning Letter

Year One – Week Commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

<b>This week in Year One...</b>	<p>This week, we held our final rehearsals for our Christmas production, <i>Born in a Barn</i>. The children did such a fantastic job in their performances, and we hope you enjoyed watching them as much as we enjoyed putting them together.</p> <p>In science, we learnt about bulbs and why they need to be planted in the autumn/winter. We planted class tulip bulbs which we will be monitoring throughout the coming months.</p>
<b>Reminder</b>	<p><b>On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December the children will be holding their very own toy museum. We would like to invite you to visit our museum at 2:40pm.</b></p> <p><b>Next Wednesday, will be our last swim for this half term.</b> Please send the children to school with their swimming kit underneath their PE kit. In a separate bag, please pack a towel and swimming hat. Goggles are optional. We ask that children wear trunks or tankinis – the children wear these all day, so one-piece swimsuits make it very difficult for the children to go to the toilet!</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>In maths, we continued our new learning of place value, numbers up to 20. The children have enjoyed focusing on 1 more and 1 less. We have also used a number line and compared numbers to 20.</p>
<b>English</b>	<p>In English, we started to learn our new model text: <i>Jingle Bear</i>. It is a non-fiction report with facts all about a favourite toy. The children created toolkits to help them identify the key features in non-fiction writing. We also started to learn some new vocabulary to support our writing. We created story maps to help us learn our new text. We started to use adjectives to describe the toy we brought in from home.</p>
<b>Phonics</b>	<p>In Phonics this week we have recapped our learning of phase 3 <i>er</i> and <i>ur</i>. We have also taught phase 5 <i>ir</i> as an alternative. We have read different words and sentences containing these sounds and then applied this knowledge to our writing.</p>
<b>This week's spellings:</b>	<p>Please help your child learn their spellings ready for their <b>Big Spell on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.</b></p>

*To support your child's learning at home this week you could...*

*English: practise your spellings.*



*Science: go on a hunt for evergreen and deciduous trees.*

*Maths: practise your number bonds to 10 on Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>*