

A MESSAGE FROM YEAR ONE

What a busy end to 2025 Starling and Goldfinch class have had! The children have continued to impress us with how quickly they have settled into the Year 1 routine.

This term, we have enjoyed getting stuck into our topic 'Tell us a Tale...'. In Guided Reading, we have been reading the texts 'The Deep Dark Woods' and 'Fairy Tale Pets'. We have been learning about the VIPERS reading skills and applying these to the texts in small groups and during our self-initiated learning time.

To consolidate the learning of our 'Traditional Tales' topic we had a visit from The Rainbow Theatre company. We were so lucky to have four of the Traditional Tales acted out for us – some of us even performed in the show! As well as The Rainbow Theatre coming to visit, we had some of the characters from the traditional tales come to visit and read us a story!

This half term, we have continued working on our Year 1 writing rules within English. We can all tell you what a good sentence needs and we put this in to practise when writing a recount of The Rainbow Theatre visit and when writing our own traditional tale stories.

In Maths, we have been practising our counting and subitising skills as well as learning what parts form a whole. We have also been working really hard on our numerals formation! Here is the song we have been learning if your child would like to keep on practising at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzKqCmjVXLI>

We have also enjoyed our PSHE topics this half term! We have been learning all about children who are part of the Gypsy, Roma Traveller Community and how our lives are both similar and different to theirs. We also took part in Anti-bullying week where we were proud to wear odd clothes to celebrate our differences!

A final highlight of the half term was the Christmas Show! We feel very proud of all the children for learning the words and actions to the songs and singing them so beautifully to a big audience!

We hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday! We look forward to lots more fun learning experiences in 2026!



... The Year 1 Team

