

Year 2

26th September – 30th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our Curriculum Information afternoon and thank you for coming and your continuous support.

Here is a brief outline of the work we shall be covering this coming week.

Our Stars of the Week are Godwin in St. Martin and Isabella in St. Francis.



RE

As we draw our topic 'Beginnings' to a close, the children will be reflecting on prayer and what we have learned from the Psalms about God's loving care for us. They will also consider what it means to be a child of God, and how we can show this in our daily living.

Home learning: Can your child tell you about something that they found hard in a new beginning, but after being helped they can now do? Help them to say a prayer of thanks about this to God.

English, PSHE, History and Geography

The children will be writing more of their biography about their partner for our 'We are Croydon' topic. We will be working on editing our sentences to make them 'Golden', and at making them more interesting and informative by adding 'because' and or adding greater description and detail.

We will also look at another famous Croydonian Samuel Coleridge -Taylor who lived many hundreds of years ago. This week the children have learned about Cicely Mary Barker, and should be able to explain to you why she is famous and why the people of Croydon should be proud of her.

Home learning: Is it a question or statement? In our English topic we have been writing questions and answers when the children interviewed their partner. Please help them to read the sentences and verbally say them with intonation, depending on whether it is a question or statement.

Mathematics

We will be looking at the use of < (less than), > (greater than) to compare two number.

e.g. $21 < 54$,

saying 54 is greater than 21, despite having mathematically written 21 is less than 54.

We will work on Place Value and use concrete objects, pictorial/ mental representation.

We will introduce the resource 'Abacus' as an aid to teaching and learning about Place Value.

We will be teaching the children to add or subtract ones from any 1- or 2-digit number, and then multiples of ten from any 2-digit number. We will be aiming for the children to be able to start working mentally, and to solve word problems.

Home learning: Work on ordering numbers and reading and writing the words for number names.

Additionally, in any spare few moments, encourage your child to count on or back in 10s, by using their 100 square to count down or up a column (95, 85, 75, 65, 55...).

Art

This week we have looked at some work by Cicely Mary Barker, and learned about her life in Croydon. Over the next few weeks the children shall be exploring her art and producing their own pieces in her style.

Many thanks and have a good weekend, The Year 2 Team.