

Friday 12th January 2023

Happy New Year Parents / Carers and children,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term.

We hope you had a relaxing Christmas! We would like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful gifts, cards and good wishes you gave us for Christmas. They were much appreciated.

Our Celebration Assembly



Our stars of the week are: Ryan in St Bernadette Class and Reginald in St Therese Class.

Our ward for living the St Mary's Way go to Leo in St Bernadette Class and James in St Therese Class

English



Next week, we will be continuing our new learning which is based around the 'Questioners Series' of books by Andrea Beaty. The children will be exploring how to write labels and captions for a variety of objects. The books all encourage children to think about how things are made or how they work.

Home Learning: Ask your child to think about the building they live in. How was made? What tools and materials did the builders use? How long did it take?

R.E.



We have begun a new topic this half term called 'Special People'. The children will explore their experiences of special people that they may meet in their community and they will learn about how communities need and value the range of skills that different people bring.

Home Learning: Talk to your child about the special people in their lives and why they are special to them. **If possible, please could you bring a photograph of your child's special person to support them with their learning in class, for example, a special person from their family.**

Maths



This week the children have been exploring numbers to 20 and thinking about how these numbers are made up from tens and ones. Next week, the children will expand on this learning by using a number line to explore the place value of numbers up to 20.

Home Learning: Please ask your child if they can compare numbers up to 20. For example, is 12 bigger or smaller than 15?

Important Reminders:

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It is important that your child reads EVERY DAY to an adult. You can access free books at your child's level on the [Oxford Owl Website](#).

Swimming and P.E. days for this half-term:

St Bernadette: P.E. on Thursdays

St Therese: Swimming on Thursdays

Many thanks from the Year 1 Team

Friday 19th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Our Celebration Assembly



Our stars of the week are: Grace in St Bernadette Class and Isabel in St Therese Class.



Our award for living the St Mary's Way go to Franco in St Bernadette Class and Naomi in St Therese Class



English

We will continue our new learning based around our class text – Iggy Peck Architect. The children will be writing character descriptions of Iggy using adjectives to describe and conjunctions to join sentences. They will also be labelling parts of buildings and beginning to plan our own fact file

Home Learning: Ask your child to tell you about Iggy. What can they remember about him? How would they describe him to someone who doesn't know who he is?



R.E.

We are continuing the topic 'Special People'. This week we will be focusing on the story of Jesus being taken to the Temple as a baby and meeting Simeon and Anna.

Home learning: At Mass help your child look for the 'special people' in our Church community, for example Altar Servers, Readers Eucharistic Ministers etc. Are all the special people present during Mass? (E.g. cleaners, flower arrangers etc?).



Maths

Next week the children will continue to work with numbers up to 20 with a focus on ordering groups and numbers.

Home Learning: Please practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 with your child. Can they identify all the numbers 0-20?

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Friday 26th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

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Our stars of the week are: Zarleen in St Bernadette Class and Allana in St Therese Class.



Our award for living the St Mary's Way go to Joshua in St Bernadette Class and Katie in St Therese Class



English

This week we received a letter from Iggy Peck! He has told us he is visiting London and could we help him by creating a tour of London leaflet for him to use when he explores the buildings. So we have started to plan an information leaflet for him. Next week we will finish our leaflet and start to look at our new class text 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'.

Home Learning: Ask you child about the buildings they can see around Croydon. What is special about them? What materials are they made of? Can they describe them?



R.E.

We are coming to the end of our topic 'Special People'. We will be thinking about what happens at the end of Mass. We will talk about and look at pictures that show the end of Mass.

Home learning: Ask your child to think about their experience of Mass. If they could say a prayer for the end of Mass, what would it be?



Maths

Next week the children will be focussing on doubles and near doubles. We will explore using the concrete resources what doubles look like and what near doubles are.

Home Learning: Please support your child in identifying the number bonds to 10 and 20. Ask what they notice about the number bonds.

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St Bernadette: P.E. on Thursdays

St Therese: Swimming on Thursdays

Many thanks from the Year 1 Team

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Our Celebration Assembly



Our stars of the week are: Emily in St Bernadette Class and Lisa in St Therese Class.



Our award for living the St Mary's Way go to Aaron in St Bernadette Class and Mara in St Therese Class

English



We thoroughly enjoyed creating our leaflets for Iggy Peck this week and next week we will be writing a description using our new text, 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy'.

Home Learning: Ask your child to describe their favourite toy encouraging them to use describing words (adjectives).

R.E.



This week we will begin a new topic 'Meals'. We will be talking about meals which are special to us and why. We will share with the children what happens at Communion and that Mass is the parish family gathering together in celebration.

Home learning: Ask your child to think about a meal that is special to them and why, eg. A meal at Christmas or to celebrate a birthday.

Maths



Next week the children will be focussing on subtraction within 20. The children will be learning how to subtract when crossing the ten.

Home Learning: Please support your child by asking them to practise counting backwards from 20.

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