

**Welcome back and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! May we wish all our families every blessing of health, happiness and success for this New Year.**

**Thank you all for your lovely wishes and great generosity at Christmas.**

Dear Parents / Carers

Our Award for Living in the St. Mary's Way go to Lena in St. Francis, and Julian in St. Martin.

Our Stars of the Week are Anthony in St. Martin are Akantari and and Kosi in St. Francis.

Here is a brief outline of the work we will be covering this coming week:

## **RE: Books**

Our new topic is Books and this week we will learn about 'Books' which will lead into learning about why the Bible is a sacred Book for us. Please look at your family Bible, or if you have one, a Children's Bible. Talk about why you keep your Bible in a special place. Choose a favourite New Testament story from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John's Gospel to read together and discuss what you like about that story.



## **English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art**

### **Topic: 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.**

Our focus will be on this book. The main theme is about looking after the environment. It is a fiction book so our genre this half term is fiction which will lend itself to writing stories.

**Home learning:** Please read the stories to your child from the books that they bring home. That is, the books that are not colour coded. Children who have a good understanding of stories, tend to become better writers.

**Spellings** – Please practise the graphemes 'ng, and ck' which we put onto Seesaw. Please encourage your child to write these words in a sentence and check that the sentence makes sense. The children need to be consistent in punctuating their sentences by using a capital letter and full stop.



**Maths:** We are moving onto learning about Money. Please look at the variety of coins that there are. In a world where most payments are by card or online, the children are exposed less and less to coins and notes and have little experience of them.

**Home learning:** We are concluding our topic on Shape this half term and the children have a sheet to complete on the properties of different Shapes.

### **After school clubs:**

Tuesday – Zumba 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thursday – Sports 3.30-4.30pm

If you would like your child to attend, there are still a few places available.

Have a good weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 2

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers



Our Award for Living in the St. Mary's Way go to Kailyn in St. Francis, and Jewell in St. Martin.



Our Stars of the Week are Avinash in St. Martin and Euodia in St. Francis.

### **Croydon Infant Music Festival at Fairfield Halls on 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**We will be participating at the Croydon Music Festival along with many other schools. It is a wonderful experience for your child to perform on stage.**

**Over the next few weeks, we will be practising the many songs that we have to learn as well as attend rehearsals. We will keep you updated.**

Here is a brief outline of the work we will be covering this coming week:

#### **RE: Books**

In RE we have been learning about some of the Gospel stories and looking for the message to us, in them.

Please draw your child's attention at Mass on Sunday to the reverence that is given to the Gospel when the Priest holds it up for the congregation to see and reads from it.

St Francis will attend Mass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St Mary's Church at 10.00am and you are welcome to come.

St Martin will attend Mass on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary's Church at 10.00am and you are welcome to come.



#### **English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art, DT**

##### **Topic: 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.**

The children are loving this story which deals with some environmental issues. We are very excited to tell you that we have booked a visit to the Polka Theatre on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to see the play 'Tidy' and we are looking for volunteers to help us as we will be going by Tram to Wimbledon.

**DT:** The children are designing their own book covers as the book Tidy has a lovely layered cover

**Home learning: Spellings** – Please practise the graphemes 'ow; and 'sh' which we put onto Seesaw. Please encourage your child to write these words using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method and copy all the sentences that we have written. This will help them to punctuate their sentences and practise their handwriting.



**Maths:** We are learning about Money. Please look at the variety of coins that there are as some children are not familiar with the coins.

**Home learning:** Making amounts to buy an item. The children should draw the coins to show the cost of the item.

##### **After school clubs:**

Tuesday – Zumba 3.30 – 4.15pm

Thursday – Sports 3.30-4.30pm

If you would like your child to attend, there are still a few places available.

Have a good weekend.

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Our Award for Living in the St. Mary's Way go to Beniel in St. Francis, and Scarlett in St. Martin.



Our Stars of the Week are Karmelo in St. Martin and Kailyn in St. Francis.

### **Croydon Infant Music Festival at Fairfield Halls on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

As we mentioned last week, we will be participating at the Croydon Music Festival along with many other schools. We will be posting a letter online of all the details and rehearsals. We will need your permission to take your child. If you are available to assist us on the days when we walk to Fairfield Halls, we would be grateful for your help. Thank you.

We have sent a copy of the words of the songs. Over the next few weeks, we will be practising the many songs that we have to learn. We will keep you updated.

Here is a brief outline of the work we will be covering this coming week:

#### **RE: Books**

We will be drawing this topic to a close next week. We have been learning about the Baptism of Jesus found in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 3: 13-17.

St Francis will attend Mass on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Church at 10.00am and you are welcome to come.

St Martin will attend Mass on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary's Church at 10.00am and you are welcome to come.

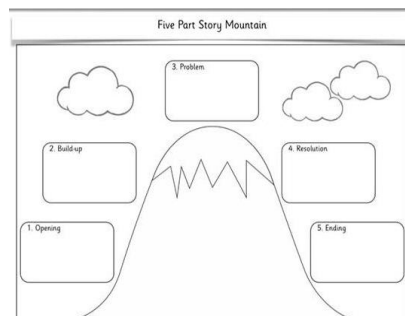
**Home learning: Please read some more Gospel stories and ask your child to tell you what the message is in that Gospel for you.**

## **English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art, DT**



### **Topic: 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.**

Due to the Music Festival, we had to change the date of when will visit the Polka Theatre which we had actually booked in November 2023! Next week, we will begin to write our own version of Tidy using a Story Mountain to plan the story. A story mountain helps the children to plan a beginning, middle and end to a story and also include a build up and resolution.



**DT:** The children are designing their own book covers as the book Tidy has a lovely layered cover and are now designing the animal character that they will have in their story. The animal will have a moving part attached to a lever and pivot.

**Home learning: Spellings** – Please practise the graphemes 'igh; and 'ing' which we put onto Seesaw. Please encourage your child to write these words using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method and copy all the sentences that we have written. This will help them to punctuate their sentences and practise their handwriting.

**Maths:** We are learning how to give change. In order to do this well, the children need to be secure in counting on in 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100 and counting backwards from 100 to 0. We then transfer this to counting on in 2 Pence, 5 Pence and 10 Pence.

**Home learning: Please use the Number Square that we have given you to help you with this so the children can do this 'by heart'**

Have a good weekend.  
The Year 2 Team

Dear Parents / Carers



Our Award for Living in the St. Mary's Way go to Eren in St. Francis, and Caster in St. Martin.



Our Stars of the Week are Caterina in St. Martin and Kailaanie in St. Francis.

Here is a brief outline of the work we will be covering this coming week:

## R.E: Thanksgiving

We will begin this topic by helping the children to reflect on the many occasions when they give thanks. This will lead onto learning about the Mass and how it is a celebration of Thanksgiving.

**Home learning: How many times do you need to say thank you in just one day? Please draw attention to how many times this is said in your home and discuss why this is so important. There are many ways to say thank you which may be non-verbal such as with a smile or a hug.**

St Francis will attend Mass on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Church at 10.00 am and you are welcome to come to this celebration of Thanksgiving.

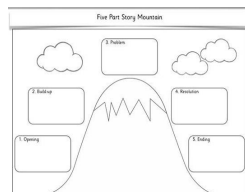
## English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art, DT



**Topic: 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett.**

**We are drawing this topic to a close and will revisit it after our visit to the theatre.**

This week we will do some short story writing using the story mountain model so that the children can practise their tenses, punctuation and grammar. Please encourage your children to articulate the words they speak and form the sentences correctly. This will filter into their writing.



**Home learning: Spellings** – Please practise the graphemes 'ck' and 'th' which we put onto Seesaw. Please encourage your child to write these words using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method and copy all the sentences that we have written. This will help them to punctuate their sentences and practise their handwriting.

We test the children's spellings by giving them a dictation. We say a sentence with one of the spelling words and the children listen and write it down. There are many skills in this practise such as listening, internalising the sentence, spelling the pattern word, spelling common words, writing with speed and punctuating the sentences accurately. Thank you for completing the spellings and now maybe practise some dictation too. If you would like

**Maths:** We are beginning our next unit on Multiplication. We begin by looking at repeated addition and eventually mental methods by learning by heart the 2.5 and 10 times table. We cover arrays and solving problems.

We would like the children to write the repeated addition calculation, draw a pictorial representation, and keep the running total to work out the answer.

e.g. 3 lots of 7 = 7 + 7 + 7 = 21

**Home learning: Money and giving change** We are completing for the time being, giving change. Please complete the sheet using the counting on method and then draw the coins that you would receive

Have a good weekend.

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