

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Chiadikaso in St Bernadette Class and Mais in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Noah in St Bernadette Class and Evan in St Therese Class.



English

This week we have been sharing our new class text 'Paddington'. The children have begun to write descriptions of Paddington and will continue to explore Paddington Bear stories next week, reading about his adventures in London. We will focus on writing setting descriptions using adjectives (describing words).

At home: Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.



R.E.

Next week we will be learning about Judaism. The children will be finding out how Abraham really loved and trusted God. We will share the story of Moses leading his people out of Egypt towards God's Promised Land.

During the month of November, we will be remembering members of our family and friends who have died as well as those who have died in wars.

At home: Please help your child think about important leaders in their lives, such as yourselves, their teachers, Parish priests and their Head Teacher etc.



Maths

We are moving on to learning about 'fact families' using addition facts within 10. We will also look at number bonds to 10 and how we can do these systematically.

At home: Please support your child to form the numerals 1 – 20 accurately and with the correct orientation. Help them to write and recall the number bonds to 10.

Important Reminders:

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

St Bernadette: Swimming on Thursdays

St Therese: P.E. on Thursdays

Many thanks from the Year 1 Team

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Zach in St Bernadette Class and Aubrey in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Emily in St Bernadette Class and Ionut in St Therese Class.



English

We will be continuing our learning around our new text 'Paddington'. The children will be creating their own story maps to plan an adventure for Paddington.

At home: Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.



R.E.

We will be starting a new topic "Waiting". We will be learning that Advent is a time to especially appreciate the love in our lives, and how we prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. At Christmas, Christians celebrate the gift of Jesus given by God, as a sign and expression of His love. Giving and receiving shows us that all life is given by God, and life is given meaning through the gift of Jesus.

Home Learning: Talk to your child about what it is like when they are waiting for something to arrive such as a parcel or a visitor. Ask them to describe some of their feelings – excitement, anxiety or happiness etc.



Maths

We will be practising adding together 2 numbers within 10 and we will then begin thinking about subtraction within 10.

At home: Please support your child to form the numerals 1 – 20 accurately and with the correct orientation. Help your child to practise adding two numbers together and writing this as a number sentence.

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Many thanks from the Year 1 Team

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

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Our Stars of the Week are: Prince in St Bernadette Class and Geetika in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Isabella in St Bernadette Class and Carol in St Therese Class.

English



The children will use their story maps to write their own Paddington story in their books. We will be thinking about how to form a sentence correctly using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. They will be encouraged to use exciting language to make their story more interesting.

At home:

Ask your child if they can tell you about some of Paddington's adventures, encourage use of expression as they speak.

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R.E.

Next week we will continue with the topic 'Waiting' and we will be learning about the different aspects of an Advent Wreath. The children will be creating their own wreaths and learning what the evergreen circle and each candle represents. We will also think about how Mary felt when the Angel Gabriel told her she was going to be the mother of God's son Jesus.

Home Learning: As a family talk about how you can prepare for the birth of Jesus and how Advent gives you the opportunity to prepare your hearts and homes for this very special event.



Maths

We will be practising subtraction within 10, using part whole models and number sentences to represent the number facts. The children will also be exploring fact families building on our previous weeks' learning.

At home: Please support your child to form the numerals 1 – 20 accurately and with the correct orientation. Help your child to practise subtracting a smaller number from a larger number and write this as a number sentence.

Important Reminders:

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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Aaron and Talise in St Bernadette Class and Evangeline in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Grace in St Bernadette Class and Janaya in St Therese Class.

English



Next week we will be thinking about wild animals that hibernate during the winter months linked to our non-fiction class text 'The Winter Sleep'. We will be making predictions about our new text and illustrating a poem thinking about winter.

At home: Ask your child if they know any animals that hibernate and to make a prediction as to why they think animals hibernate.

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Next week, we will learn about the Visitation when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her the good news and about the birth of Jesus. The children will be retelling this using their own words.

At home: Find a quiet time and place to share the Christmas story with your child. Please help your child to retell the Christmas story.



Maths

We will be practising subtraction using a number line. We will use number lines to count back to complete take away number sentences e.g. $10-3 = 7$.

At home: Please support your child to form the numerals 1 – 20 accurately and with the correct orientation. Help your child to practise subtracting a smaller number from a larger number and write this as a number sentence.

Important Reminders:

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

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Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

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Our Stars of the Week are: Zara in St Bernadette Class and Hayden in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Zoe in St Bernadette Class and Michael in St Therese Class.

English



We have started to read our new text 'Winter Sleep A Hibernation Story' and have enjoyed looking at the different animals that hibernate during winter. Next week we will be creating our own short winter poems and finding out more information about some of the animals that hibernate.

At home: Ask your child to spot signs of winter when they are out and about. What can they see? Can they describe it?

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R.E.



Next week, we will be learning about the first Christingle and how this was made to show children how God had made the world full of goodness and that Jesus was the light of the world. We will be having lots of fun making our own Christingles in class to take home.

At home: Talk to your child about God's love and how he sent Jesus to be the light of the world to show us that love.

Maths



We will continue practising subtraction using a number line. We will use number lines to count back to complete take away number sentences e.g. $10-3 = 7$.

At home: Please support your child to form the numerals 1 – 20 accurately and with the correct orientation. Help your child to practise subtracting a smaller number from a larger number and write this as a number sentence.

Important Reminders:

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

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St Therese: P.E. on Thursdays

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Friday 8th December 2023

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Our Stars of the Week are: Ann in St Bernadette Class and Naomi in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Zander in St Bernadette Class and Reginald in St Therese Class.

English



Following on from our learning about the animals in our class text, we will be organising and matching information about the animals to create animal fact files before beginning to plan our own animal fact file.

At home: Ask your child to think about where some animals go during winter time when the weather gets cold. When do the animals come out again?

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Next week, we will be thinking about all the events in the Christmas Story and how this is an important time in the religious calendar for Christians. We will be looking back at our learning during our 'Waiting' topic and completing a task to show what we have learnt.

At home: Talk to your child about God's love and how he sent Jesus to be the light of the world to show us that love.



Maths

We are going to be looking at 2D and 3D shapes next week, the children will be naming, describing and sorting shapes.

At home: What shapes can your child see in their environment? What objects around your home are square, circle, triangular shaped? What 3D objects can they find?

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Friday 15th December 2023

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Our Stars of the Week are: Joshua in St Bernadette Class and Isabella in St Therese Class.



Our awards for living the St Mary's Way go to Ire in St Bernadette Class and Ola in St Therese Class.

English



During our final week the children will be completing their hibernating animal fact files and then writing their own Christmas cards.

At home: Ask your child to think about who we send Christmas cards to and why. What things might they say to someone in a Christmas card.

Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.

R.E.



For our final week, we will think about Jesus' arrival and what happened after Jesus was born. Children will continue to orally retell the Christmas Story, ordering the events and think about how we can show love and kindness during this season of Advent.

At home: Ask your child how they can show love and kindness to others during Advent. What could they say or do to show this?

Maths



We will consolidate our learning this half term by revisiting some of the areas of Maths we have been learning about including shape and addition and subtraction.

At home: Please continue to practise number formation with your child. All children in Year 1 should be able to form numbers 1-9 correctly in any number they are writing.

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Swimming and P.E. days for next half-term (Spring 1 January 2024):

St Bernadette: P.E on Thursdays

St Therese: Swimming on Thursdays

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