

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Jacob in St Bernadette Class and Aaryan in St Therese Class.



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

English



Next week we will introduce our new class story which is called 'The Great Big Book of Families'.

The children will be talking about who is in their family and writing about them. We are going to create a class book of our great big families! Later in the week the children will be thinking about what they want to be when they grow up.

This week the children have taken home story books for you to share with them and from the end of next week they will be taking home a reading book which is at their phonic level for them to read to you.

Once the children have these books, please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book and reading record every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.

R.E.



The children have begun to learn about their Class Saint this week and have started to write their own prayers to St Therese and St Bernadette. They will complete this next week before beginning to think about their families as part of our 'Families' topic. We will be talking about who is in our family and drawing pictures of them.

Home Learning: Talk to your child about your family and how you look after each other.

Maths



Next week, we will be learning how to sort and count objects in different ways. We will sort physical objects and pictures, explaining the ways in which we have sorted them.

At home: ask your child to sort different objects in your home e.g. how fruit can be sorted in different ways such as; by colour, or grouped by type of fruit.

Important Reminders:

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 15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Shivathmekaa in St Bernadette Class and Jaydel in St Therese Class.



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



English

We are about to have our last week looking at our class story which is called 'The Great Big Book of Families'.

For their final writing task next week the children will be choosing one member of their family who they want to write a description of. They will be thinking carefully about the person's appearance and their personality to make sure their description is accurate. If possible, please could your child bring in a photo of the family member to help them with the description and for when they speak to the class to tell them who the person is in their family.

As part of their role play activities in our outside learning area, the children will be acting out the family roles and familiar scenes that happen at home.

Once the children have these books, please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book and reading record every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words.



R.E.

The children have been learning about families and how we can show love towards them.

Next week we will be learning how families look after each other in their homes. We will also be reading Psalm 28 from the Bible and will learn it's meaning.

Home Learning: Talk to your child about your family and how you look after each other in your homes. Eg. We keep it clean by tidying up.



Maths

Next week, we will be learning how to recognise numerals as words, as well as practising how to count forwards from a given number. We will be doing practical activities to help support our learning.

At home: Please practise counting objects with your child up to ten. Can your child match the number to the written word eg. five and 5.

Important Reminders:

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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 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Chidalu in St Bernadette Class and Hailey in St Therese Class.



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



English

Next week the children will be looking at our new class text called 'Lost and Found' By Oliver Jeffers.

They will be finding out facts about penguins and creating their own Penguin Fact Files!

As part of their role play activities in our outside learning area, the children will be acting out the story of 'Lost and Found'.

At home: Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book and reading record every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. If possible please talk to your child about penguins to help with the learning in class.



R.E.

Next week, we will be finishing the topic 'Families'. We will be considering how God doesn't want us to worry too much about material things and that He will provide for us if we trust in Him. It is essential that we understand the importance of everyone being kind and caring towards each other, every day and in everything we do.

At Home: Please make time at the end of the day, for you and your family, to say thank you to God for all the small acts of caring and kindness you have shown each other.



Maths

Next week, we will be learning how to count backwards from different numbers and how to find 1 less from a given number.

At home: Please practise counting backwards with your child (using numbers to 20) and see if they can show one less from a group of objects.

Important Reminders:

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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 29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,



Celebration Assembly

Our Stars of the Week are: Lula in St Bernadette Class and Katie in St Therese Class.



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



English

Next week the children will continue to share our class text called 'Lost and Found' By Oliver Jeffers.

They will be continuing their Penguin Fact Files and exploring the setting of the story.

As part of their role play activities in our outside learning area, the children will be acting out the story of 'Lost and Found'.

At home: Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book and reading record every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. Please talk to your child about where penguins live and how it is different to where we live.



R.E.

We will be starting our new topic 'Belonging'. The children will be discussing religious artefacts relating to this topic. The children will be sharing their experiences of the different groups that they belong to e.g. families, church, school, after school clubs etc., and the importance of feeling welcomed and part of the group.

St Therese Class will be visiting the church next week as part of their Feast Day celebrations.

At home: Talk to your child about the different groups they belong to and what it means to you.



Maths

Next week, we will be learning how to compare groups of objects and numbers using the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' or 'the same as'.

At home: Please practise comparing groups of objects and encourage your children to use their mathematical language to compare which group has 'more', 'fewer' or 'the same'.

Important Reminders:

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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 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,



Celebration Assembly

Our Stars of the Week are: Harrison in St Bernadette Class and Mara in St Therese Class.



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



English

Next week the children will continue to share our class text called 'Lost and Found' By Oliver Jeffers.

We will be thinking about retelling the story using our own words and will use illustrations to order the events of the story.

As part of their role play activities in our outside learning area, the children will continue acting out the story of 'Lost and Found'.

At home: Please can you listen to your child read at home and return their reading book and reading record every day. It is very important for your child to be using their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. Please talk to your child about where penguins live and how it is different to where we live.



R.E.

We will be continuing our topic 'Belonging' and the children will be learning about the signs and symbols of Baptism and their representations. We are arranging a visit to St Mary's Catholic Church, to consolidate their learning about Baptism and to see the Baptismal Font.

At home: Talk to your child about their Baptism for example, who was there? Who are their Godparents? Where it took place etc.



Maths

Next week, we will be learning how to order numbers to ten using a number line.

At home: Please practise counting at home with your child. Ask questions about which numbers come before and after.

Important Reminders:

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

St Bernadette: P.E. on Thursdays

St Therese: Swimming on Thursdays

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Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and children,

Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Nneka in St Bernadette Class and Michela in St Therese Class.



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

English



To complete our learning about the text 'Lost and Found', we will be writing our own versions of the story. We will use this week's story sequencing task to help us organise our writing to retell the story. As part of their small world activities in our outside learning area, the children will use the figures to retell the story of 'Lost and Found'.

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

R.E.



After our visit to the church this week, we will be continuing our topic 'Belonging' and the children will be learning the importance of the signs and symbols of Baptism. We will be thinking about what baptism means and how it welcomes us into Jesus' family.

At home: Talk to your child about why baptism is important and how it makes us a part of Jesus' family. How can they live their lives showing their love for him?

Maths



Next week the children will be revisiting activities based around sorting objects into groups. We will be thinking about how objects can be sorted in lots of different ways.

At home: Please practise sorting objects with your child. Can they sort objects into colour groups? Same number of objects in each group?

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St Bernadette: P.E. on Thursdays

St Therese: Swimming on Thursdays

Many thanks from the Year 1 Team