

Dear Parents / Carers,

Your lovely children have settled really well into Year 2 and we are all excited and enthusiastic to do wonderful learning this year!

## Our Celebration Assembly



Our Award for Living in St. Mary's Way goes to Annarosa in St. Francis and Rishik in St. Martin.



Our Stars of the Week are the whole class in St. Martin, and the whole class in St. Francis.

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



### RE Beginnings

The children have considered the many feelings that accompany each new beginning, from nervousness through to excitement. We will be looking at Psalm 139, which tells of God being there at each new beginning, and considered what they believe God wishes for them.

**Home Learning:** Say thank you to your family for all the love and care you are given. Try to do something lovely for them - perhaps help tidy up without being asked, as your gift of love.



### English, Geography and PSHE

Through our topic 'We are Croydon' the children will learn about the rich cultural diversity of our classes, something of God's wonderful world and all its people, and we hope develop a feeling of pride about our town, Croydon.

The children will be writing questions in order to conduct a formal interview to find out about a partner. Next week they will learn how to become active listeners. This involves them asking questions in a loud, clear voice, listening to and recording answers, and perhaps trying to draw more information from their partner.

Spelling homework: A list of spelling have been put onto Seesaw. Please practise these spellings by using the **Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check** method and write the sentences that have been written. We follow a cursive style of handwriting so please try and work with your children to copy the format as we have written it. The spelling sheet does not have to be sent in. We will carry out a spelling test every Thursday.



### Mathematics

We are learning about Place Value in Number. Please count from 0 to 100 with your child and focus on the pronunciation of the numbers especially 'teen' and 'ty.'

**Book Bags:** Please bring in every day. Books are exchanged on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

PE: Wednesday

Swimming – St. Martin on Friday and St. Francis on Friday

Many thanks,  
The Year 2 Team.

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**Reminder:**

**Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm to 4.00pm.**



**Our Living in the St Mary's Way certificate goes to Austin in St Francis and Oluchi in St Martin's class.**



**Our Star of The Week certificate goes to Ruairi in St Francis class and Chikezie in St Martin's class.**

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



## RE -Beginnings

The children have considered the many feelings that accompany each new beginning, from nervousness through to excitement. They have also looked at Psalm 139, which tells of God being there at each new beginning, of never being afraid as God is always with them and considered what they believe God's thoughts and dreams for them are. Next week the children will be writing their own Litany of Praise, to thank God for the wonders of His creation.

**Home Learning:** Look around you and the wonder of God's creation and you! Give thanks for all that God has created and made. Say thank you to your family for all the love and care you are given and most all say thank you to God for making you!



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We will learn about collecting information about a person through questions and answers as Benjamin Zephaniah did in his book 'We are Britain.' Using this book as a stimulus, the children will be writing questions in order to conduct a formal interview to find out about their partner. Next week they will learn how to become active listeners. This involves them asking questions in a loud, clear voice, listening to and recording answers, and perhaps trying to draw more information from their partner.

**Home Learning:** Help your child to complete the sheet 'About Me'. They can draw and name their friends, and the various things they like and are good at. You will need to measure their height in Metres and Centimetres. If this is problematic, please talk to us and we can do this at school.



## Mathematics

We will be continuing our learning on Place Value. We are learning about Tens and Ones and positional numbers on a Place Value Chart. We have sent home a 100 square for you to keep at home. Please make it a regular practise to count from 1 to 100 and backwards, count in 10's and backwards.

**Book Bags: Please bring in every day. Books are exchanged on Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**Homework:** Please send in on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Spellings can be written and practised in the books that we are giving out today.

**PE:** Wednesday

**Swimming** – St. Martin on Friday and St. Francis on Friday.

Many thanks, The Year 2 Team.

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 as we make this journey together.

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Our Award for Living in St. Mary's Way goes to Eren in St. Francis and Sophia in St. Martin.



Our Stars of the Week is Aidan in St. Martin, and Ashton in St. Francis.

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### RE Beginnings

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. Based on Psalm 139. The children have considered what it means to be a child of God who created us, knows us and loves us.

**Home Learning:** Say a prayer together about the wonder of your being. In this prayer the children can thank God for being there at their beginning and with them each day.

**Wednesday Word:** This is for you to look at with your child and it gives you the Gospel Reading that will be read on the following Sunday at Mass. There are some points for discussion and thoughts for how the message in the Gospel teaches us to live more like Jesus.

By looking at this beforehand, we have some prior understanding of the Gospel before attending Mass on Sunday.

### English, Geography and PSHE

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. A 'Golden' sentence is one that begins with a capital letter, ends with a full stop or question mark and has to make sense

We will also look at a famous Croydonian Samuel Coleridge -Taylor who lived many hundreds of years ago and was a famous Composer. There is now a large painting of him outside Centrale. We will also be learning about Cicely Mary Barker, and the children should be able to explain to you why she is famous and why the people of Croydon should be proud of her.

Spelling homework: A list of spelling have been put onto Seesaw.

### Mathematics

We are learning about Place Value in Number. Please count from 0 to 100 with your child as mentioned at the Curriculum Meeting and focus on the pronunciation of the numbers especially th as in thirteen, 'teens' and 'ty.'

Worksheet: How many Tens and Ones. Please return on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

PE: On Wednesday. As the weather is getting colder, the children may come in blue or navy Track suit bottoms and on Swimming days too. Please label all PE and Swimming kit.

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### RE Signs and Symbols

Our new topic 'Signs and Symbols' will enable the children to learn about the wonderful Sacrament of Baptism. On Wednesday the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will visit St Mary's Church and looked at the Baptism Font and Paschal candle as well as say a prayer to St Francis' patron Saint. Through Baptism, someone becomes a member of the Christian family. Each Christian is entrusted with a special job – to be a friend of Jesus, and try to live as he would want. To lead the children into an understanding of the signs and symbols used in this Sacrament, they will begin by learning about everyday signs that we see, and their purpose (e.g. road signs, house numbers, street names, sign posts.)

**Home learning:** As you walk around the area, record any signs you see on the sheet given.

### English, Geography and PSHE

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### Mathematics

We are continuing our learning on place value and learning about greater than and less than and equal to, using the signs to represent this in number ( $<$   $>$   $=$ )

**Home learning:** A 100 square to cut up along the dark lines and reassemble, noticing the Tens and Ones, number before and number after to assist you.

Please continue to use the 100 Square to count on and backwards in ones. Build on to counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s if your child is proficient in counting in Ones.

**St Francis' class Liturgy on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3.00pm in the classroom.  
You are welcome to attend.**

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### Class Liturgies:

St Martin's class worshipped with a beautiful Liturgy about 'Signs and Symbols.' I am sure your children will be able to inform you of the signs and symbols that they have been looking at. We have also been teaching about them in our RE topic and the significance of them in Baptism. Thank you parents and carers for participating in our class worship.

### Mass:

**St Martin's class** will be attending the Parish Mass on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am. Please join them in the Church if you are able to for this wonderful celebration of Holy Mass and worshipping with the local community.

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Matthew 28:19- Go therefore and make Disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit)

**Home Learning:** We would like the children to complete the sheet about their Baptism. If you have a photograph to stick on the sheet then please do and if not they could draw a picture.

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



We will be drawing our topic 'We are Croydon to a close. Derived from the book by Benjamin Zephaniah.

**Art and Geography:** 'Croydon Stands Tall'. This is a sculptural exhibition around Croydon. You may have noticed many Giraffes standing 'tall' one of which our children were involved in designing last year. We are going on part of the train to look at some of them using a map to help us find our way around the trail on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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**Spellings:** We will be putting spelling patterns onto Seesaw which are linked to the phases in our Phonics scheme. We will carry out dictations during the week so the children learn the important skills of listening, punctuating sentences and writing. While we will not do the regular spelling tests we would still like the children to learn the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the phonemes (unit of sound) are 'oo' and 'or'

### Mathematics:



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