

Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are Gina in St. Martin and Annarosa in St. Francis.

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

RE: Shabbat

RE: We will be learning about another world religion, Judaism and one aspect of it which is Shabbat. The children will learn about this celebration that occurs in Jewish families every Friday and ending on Saturday at sundown.

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



War Memorial visit: As you know, due to the adverse weather conditions, we could not walk to the War Memorial by the Clocktower. We plan to do this walk on Monday 6th November so if you volunteered to help, we would be grateful if you could assist us.

Significant events:

We will be focussing on Memories and our visit on Monday to the Croydon War Memorial is linked to this in preparation for Armistice Day on Saturday 11th November.

Year 2 will lead the Remembrance day service for the whole school on Friday. Please do watch on the television, the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph at 11.00 am.

Topic: We are learning about Germs (Bacteria, Virus and the importance of Hygiene to help us avoid getting ill and spreading germs to each other.

Home learning:

Spellings: Do practise the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the phonemes (unit of sound) are 'ur' and 'ar'

A comprehension sheet where the learning objective is using instructions. Instructional language begins with a bossy verb at the beginning of a sentence. We call these imperatives. This learning will be followed next week when we write instructions for 'how to wash your hands.'

Mathematics:



We will continue with Addition and Subtraction. We have been learning to do these calculations on a Place Value card using Tens and Ones apparatus and then transferring this pictorial representation onto drawings to help work out the calculations.

Home learning: Calculations using Place value drawings.

While some of the calculations are easily able to be solved mentally, it is important to follow the success criteria that we have outlined. Once the children become familiar with this, it will aid all further learning on Addition and Subtraction. Please continue to learn the Number Bonds to 10.

Please do have a look at it. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/paint-the-squares>



The QR code for the Number Square.

Have a good weekend and thank you for all your support.

The Year 2 Team

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

Our Stars of the Week are Rishik in St. Martin and Chase in St. Francis.

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

RE: 'Preparations' is our new topic

Can you talk about some preparations you as a family make for a special event – cleaning, getting clothes ready, preparing special food etc.

Remembrance Service: Remembrance service on Sunday at 11am on TV. We had a lovely service in school on Friday. Please watch the service with your children.

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



Significant people:

We will begin looking at Florence Nightingale and the marvellous work she did to improve the conditions of Hospitals. We will have a visit by an Actress on Monday who will introduce Miss Nightingale to the children as she acts out in role. Over the coming weeks we will be learning about this remarkable woman from the 19th Century.

Topic: We are continuing our learning on Food and healthy eating.

Home learning: The children have a food diary to keep for the weekend and should be able to tell you something about the food they eat and the different food groups that they come from.

Spellings: Do practise the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the phonemes (unit of sound) are 'ea' and 'ee'

Mathematics:



Maths: We are learning to subtract using Number Lines, Ten frames and counters and Base 10.

To reinforce this, please count backwards from 100 in the multiples of 10. 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0. Then practise counting from a given number back to 0. For example, 26, 25, 24, 23 etc. Again you could use the Topmarks 100 square as an aid.

Home learning: Worksheet on Addition using a Part whole model.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are Brylan in St. Martin and Austin in St. Francis.

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

RE: 'Preparations' is our new topic. We are looking at preparations that we make leading up to Advent.

As early as it is, we will also be beginning to work on our Nativity plays!

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



Significant people: We had a visit from an Actress who role played Florence Nightingale. The children had the opportunity to act in role as a wounded soldier and then a Nurse. They learnt how to bandage the soldier and take care of them. It was a wonderful first hand experience for the children and the learning that followed writing speech bubbles, showed how well they had assimilated the information.

Topic: Thank you for completing the Food Diary for home learning last week. There certainly were some delicious meals being eaten at home! We have been learning about different food groups and classifying the different foods into them. The children should be able to tell you what the nutrients are in each group and what it does for our body so for example Milk is a dairy product. It has Calcium which is good for teeth and making the bones strong.

We are continuing our learning on Food and healthy eating, diet, Exercise and Hygiene.

Home learning: The children have a food diary to keep for the weekend and should be able to tell you something about the food they eat and the different food groups that they come from.

Spellings: Do practise the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the trigraph is 'air' as in chair and the digraph 'ar' as in dark.



Mathematics:

Maths: We are continuing our learning on Subtraction.

To reinforce this, please count backwards from 100 in the multiples of 10. 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0. Then practise counting from a given number back to 0. For example, 26, 25, 24, 23 etc. Again you could use the Topmarks 100 square as an aid.


Home learning: Sheet on Ten more and Ten less

Please do have a look at Topmarks for Subtraction games:

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math/subtraction/fruit-splat-game/>

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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are Jaivy and Valiah in St. Martin and Nicole in St. Francis.

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

RE: We are beginning to learn the songs for our Nativity play, 'Children of the World' The children have been given the words and if they could practise them at home please, that would be great!

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



Topic: In relation to our topic, we have been looking at Hygiene, Food and Exercise. This week we have focussed on exercise and the importance of it for our bodies and keeping healthy. We have also designed and made a sandwich considering healthy options. The children had great fun making them and there were some very interesting combinations.

History – We are looking at changes now and then and we will be focussing on Hospitals for the next few weeks. We will begin by looking at Scutari Hospital that Florence Nightingale first improved. Florence Nightingale set up a school for Nurses to train them and teach them about the importance of good nursing. We will look at the changes that were made by her.

Home learning: The children have an evaluation sheet to complete of the Sandwich they made. In design and Technology, the evaluation is the assessment of what adjustments could be made to a product to improve it.

Spellings: Do practise the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the digraph is 'or' as in fork and 'ee' as in feet.

Mathematics:




Maths: We are continuing our learning on Subtraction. We are subtracting two, 2 digit numbers from 2 digit number, (not across a 10.)

Home learning: Using a place value grid, please practise this using the methods the children have been taught.

Thank you for all the support you give to your child in completing the homework and returning it to us by Wednesday. We are always happy to explain anything that is not clear or not quite understood. Please do ask us.

Have a good weekend and thank you for all your support.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are Jaivy in St. Martin and Anisia in St. Francis.

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

RE: We are beginning to write a chapter book entitled 'The First Christmas' Each chapter is of the events of the Christmas Story and we began with 'The Annunciation' following with 'The Visitation' when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and 'The journey to Bethlehem.' Do read about these events with your children in the Bible as it will help them to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas.

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



English: Our writing will focus on writing the chapters for the Christmas Story. Our emphasis will be on Punctuation, writing sentences that make sense and each chapter to have a beginning, middle and end. We are writing with adjectives and trying to add detail to our writing.

Home learning: Please may we ask you to learn the words of the script that your child has and 'off by heart' as we will be rehearsing on Monday with no words! Thank you.

Spellings: Do practise the spellings to reinforce the teaching we do in class. This week the digraph is 'ck' as in snack and 'nk' as in blank.

Mathematics:



Maths: We are continuing our learning on Subtraction. We are subtracting two, 2 digit numbers from a 2 digit number, (across a 10.)

We will also be learning to add two, 2 digit numbers across 10 so that we are exchanging 10 ones for One Ten.

Home learning: We have been learning how to Problem Solve using **RUCSAC**.


Read, Underline, Choose (the operation) Solve, Answer, Check.

Please complete the Problem Solving sheet using this method and draw the Place Value chart for each question in the space provided.

Thank you for all the support you give to your child in completing the homework and returning it to us by Wednesday. We are always happy to explain anything that is not clear or not quite understood. Please do ask us.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are Nivaan in St. Martin and Krisha in St. Francis.

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

RE: We will continue to work on retelling the events of the First Christmas. Our focus this coming week will be on 'The birth of Jesus' and 'The Angels visit the Shepherds.' Please point out to your children the Purple vestments and Purple used in the Church to reflect the Season of Advent, a time of repentance and turning back to God in preparation for the birth of His Son Jesus.

We will be looking at consolidating the work we have done this half-term, and also make some Christmas decorations.

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



English and RE: Our writing will focus on writing the chapters for the Christmas Story.

Our emphasis will be on Punctuation, writing sentences that make sense and each chapter to have a beginning, middle and end. We are writing with adjectives and trying to add detail to our writing.

R.E. We have sent home beautiful Advent Books that the children can work through and then keep at home.

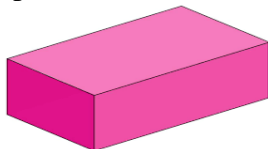
Spellings – There are a lot of activities occurring next week so we will not send home spellings to learn.

Home learning: Please focus on the words of all the songs that the children will be singing for their Nativity play. The children have done a great job of learning the script and now we need a final push to ask you to help them articulate their words so that they are loud, clear and slow. There is also a link on Seesaw to practise the Carol 'Away in a Manger.'



Maths: We are moving onto learning about 2D Shapes and learning the names of them and their properties.

Home learning: Look at objects around your home and discuss whether they are a Square, Rectangle, Circle, Triangle, Pentagon and Hexagon. To do this you may need to look at the 'face' of the shape so for example a cereal box has 6 Rectangular faces and a tin of baked beans which is a Cylinder has 2 Circles.



Have a good weekend as you prepare for Christmas and thank you for all your support.

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Dear Parents / Carers

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

Our Stars of the Week are all the children in St. Martin and all of the children in St. Francis.

We would like to congratulate every single child in Year 2 for the role they played in our Nativity 'Children of The World.' We're sure that like us, you are very proud of your child. They were amazing and real stars! Thank you, parents for supporting us with helping your child learn their singing words, learn their spoken words and with the costumes.

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

RE: We will edit our chapters of 'The First Christmas' to improve the sentences. We want the children to add any necessary punctuation such as full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, ellipses and possibly speech marks. We would like the children to write using the correct tenses and adding in conjunctions such as the words 'and' 'so' 'because' to join two sentences together.

English, PSHE, History, Geography, Art



English and RE: Our writing will focus on writing the chapters for the Christmas Story. Our emphasis will be on Punctuation, writing sentences that make sense and each chapter to have a beginning, middle and end. We are writing with adjectives and trying to add detail to our writing.

Home learning: A worksheet on improving sentences



Maths: We will continue learning about shape and make it thematic so we will look at shapes in drawings of Christmas trees, stars, baubles, cuboids for presents, and cylinders for candles as well as other shapes.

Home learning: Please continue looking at shapes at home and complete the sheet on Shapes.

Have a somewhat restful weekend at least with no lines to practise!

As this will be our last newsletter for this year, may we take the opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Christmas with your loved ones. May the infant child Jesus fill your homes with the gifts of peace, joy and hope. May this season be blessed with love and thank you for all your support to all of us in Year Two.

The Year 2 Team.