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# Year 1 Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely time over the holidays and are ready and refreshed to start the Summer Term!



## Our Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Leo in St Bernadette Class and Carol in St Therese Class.



Our awards for St Mary's Way go to Chidalu in St Bernadette Class and Jaydel in St Therese Class



### Religious Education

The topics we will be focusing on during the Summer term are 'Holidays and Holy Days', 'Being Sorry', 'Neighbours' and 'Hinduism'. Next week we will begin our new topic of 'Holidays and Holy Days'. The children will explore holidays as a time to be happy.

**Home learning:** Talk to your child about the family holidays you have shared together and how they made them feel.



### Maths

Next week we will be moving on to a new topic in Maths and will be learning about Position and Direction. The children will be making different turns using both objects and pictures. They will also be planning routes, giving directions.

**Home Learning:** Practise using the correct mathematical language when describing position and direction e.g. left, right, up, down, on top of, above, below, under, turn.



### English

Next week we will continue to look at our first text for this half term which is the traditional tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children will be exploring the traditional version plus looking at some alternative ones over the next few weeks. They will be using adjectives to describe the characters by creating 'Who Am I?' questions to reveal different characters.

**Home Learning:** Talk to your child about traditional/fairy tales that they know. If you

### Phonics

This half term the children are recapping sounds in order to consolidate their knowledge preparation for the phonics screening check in June. They are reading 'alien' words daily in their phonics sessions as part of this preparation.

**Please** ensure you are reading daily with your child at home, this is very important and can

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have some at home, please share these with your child.

Here is a link to the version of the story that we are using in class, for you to enjoy with your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwjCkx-EDFc>

have a huge impact on the development of your child's reading.

The reading books are matched to the children's current phonic knowledge and this allows them to apply the sounds that they are learning to their independent reading.

**Home Learning:** Please look at the video containing the phase 5 sounds your child should know by now

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics>

If you would like your child to practise reading 'alien' words at home, please follow this link to a video of the screening check from 2023. The children can read the words shown in the video and it models how to correctly say each sound:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8wslajrsZE>

**Topmarks** is a great website that has lots of fun games for children to play. Try their phonics activities here:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

**Reminders**

During the months when the weather is colder, please send your child into school with **labelled** warm clothing e.g. coats, scarves, gloves, hats etc.

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

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