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Year 1 Newsletter

3rd May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



Our Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Adaku in St Bernadette Class and Evan in St Therese Class.



Our awards for St Mary's Way go to Francis in St Bernadette Class and Reginald in St Therese Class



Religious Education

Next week, we will be learning more about Holy days in the church year. We will learn about the events of Pentecost and the birth of the Catholic Church.

Home learning: Share the Bible with your child and read John 13:33; 14:18, 15, 26.



Maths

Moving on from our introduction to counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, the children will be learning about arrays. They will find out what arrays can look like, how to describe them and how to draw their own.

Home Learning: Please continue to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's with your child. Please also try to show them the multiplication facts that go with these numbers e.g. $1 \times 2 = 2$, $2 \times 2 = 4$, $3 \times 2 = 6$, $4 \times 2 = 8$, $5 \times 2 = 10$.



English

Next week the children will be using their Little Red Riding Hood story maps to write the story in their own words from beginning to end. This will be completed across the week.

Home Learning: Use a traditional tale e.g. Goldilocks and the Three Bears and retell this story with your child, asking them to help you change the characters and what happens. For example it could be Silverlocks and the Three Cats instead of Goldilocks/Bears.

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

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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>

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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