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Year 1 Newsletter

10th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



Our Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: Callum in St Bernadette Class and James in St Therese Class.



Our awards for St Mary's Way go to Ann in St Bernadette Class and Hayden in St Therese Class



Religious Education

Next week is our final week learning about 'Holidays and Holy Days'. We will be writing our own prayers to the Holy Spirit and responding to our big question to show what we have learnt about this topic.

Home learning: Help your child to write a prayer to the Holy Spirit. What would they like the Holy Spirit to help them with?



Maths

In Maths next week the children will be introduced to division by learning how to make equal groups of objects. They will use concrete resources to share into equal groups before grouping pictures.

Home Learning: Using objects at home, ask your child to share them into equal groups. For example, can they share 6 apples between two people?



English

We are starting a new class text this week called 'Errol's Garden' By Gillian Hibbs. This is the story of a little boy who wishes he had more room in his flat for lots of plants. He discovers that there are floors above his and that the roof of the building is empty. Together with his neighbours they create a wonderful rooftop garden.

Home Learning: Ask your child to draw their ideal garden. What would they have in it? Where would they like to have it?

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. The reading books are matched to the children's current phonic knowledge and this allows them to apply

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Here is a link to the story, for you to enjoy with your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RGrRP1gKIQ>

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.littleandletersandsounds.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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