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# Year One Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week the children have been introduced to Paddington Bear who is the subject of our new learning in English. They have enjoyed hearing Paddington stories and watching some of his adventures in the vintage TV series. We also continued our learning about Baptism and thought about the role of the Priest in the Baptism service.

Here's a look at what we will be learning about next week.



## Our Celebration Assembly







Our Stars of the Week are: **Hannah in St Bernadette Class and Alexander in St Therese Class.**



Our awards for St Mary's Way go to: **Abraham in St Bernadette Class and Katelyn in St Therese Class**



 <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Religious Education</u></b></p> <p>Next week is our final week on our Belonging topic where we will be reflecting on our learning in this unit. We will discuss what we have learnt and explain what we are going to remember most.</p> <p><b>Home learning:</b> Talk to your child about the importance of belonging to the church and being a member of God's family.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Maths</u></b></p> <p>Next week, we will be learning about subtraction and how we can find a part of a number by taking away. We will also explore fact families within 10.</p> <p><b>Home learning:</b> Show your child the subtraction sign and practise how they can subtract a smaller number from a bigger number.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>English</u></b></p> <p>In our English learning, we will be continuing to learn about Paddington Bear and will be listening to some more of his adventures! The children will look</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Phonics</u></b></p> <p>Next week the children will continue to be introduced to their new Phase 5 sounds. We will carry on recapping previously learnt sounds and</p>

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at postcards that Paddington has written and they will have a go at writing some of their own.

**Home Learning:** Ask your child what they know about Paddington Bear so far. Ask if they are able to describe to you what he is like.

If you would like to listen to our new class text with your child please click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWeZSwjq9EA&t=76s>

the new Phase 5 ones are introduced each day. Look out for the videos on Seesaw!

Some of the children will be focussing on the gaps in their phonic knowledge in order to develop their reading and writing skills appropriately. They will be practising how to blend sounds that they know in order to read familiar and unfamiliar words.

**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 the sounds that they are learning to their independent reading.

**Home Learning:** Please look at the video below. This is a guide from Little Wandle that shows you how the children should be pronouncing the sounds they have been taught.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5\\_Em0BHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Em0BHQ)

**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

As the weather starts to become cooler, please send your child into school with **labelled** appropriate cool clothing e.g. hats, scarves, jumpers, coats, gloves etc.

It is very important that your children's clothes are named as young children often forget where they leave things once they are removed, having clothing named makes it much easier to return your children's items to them!

Swimming and P.E. days for this half-term:

St Bernadette: Swimming on Thursdays

St Therese: P.E. on Thursdays

Many thanks from the Year 1 Team

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