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# Year one Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have enjoyed exploring making their own 2D shape patterns.





## Our Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: **Alexandra in St Bernadette Class and Kaito in St Therese Class.**



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

 <h3>Religious Education</h3> <p>Next week we will be continuing our topic 'Waiting'. The children will be learning about the meaning of a Christingle and having a go at making their own to take home.</p> <p><b>Home learning:</b> Talk about the children's hopes for this Christmas time, how are they going to try to live their lives how Jesus wanted us to?</p>	 <h3>Maths</h3> <p>Next week, the children will be consolidating their learning and understanding about 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p><b>Home learning:</b> Ask your child what shapes they can see around the local area? Do they know if it is a 2D shape or a 3D shape?</p>
 <h3>English</h3> <p>The children were finishing off their stories this week due to an extra busy schedule with Nativity practices! They will now begin their Winter poems next week instead. Exploring different types of Winter poems and playing with words that can be used to describe Winter.</p> <p><b>Home Learning:</b> What words remind your child of Winter? Ask how many things they can think of that are about Winter time.</p> <p>If you would like to watch a video that shows our weather during Winter in the UK, please click the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0Bv6hchrg0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0Bv6hchrg0</a></p>	 <h3>Phonics</h3> <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 the new Phase 5 ones are introduced each day.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Please</b> ensure you are reading daily with your child at home, this is very important and can</p>

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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\\_Fm0BHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Fm0BHQ)

**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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