



**'Aspire not to have more, but to be more'**

YEAR OF PRAYER

# YEAR ONE NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week the children have been busy completing their exciting Paddington stories! They have also been very creative when making their own Peruvian style weaving.



## Our Celebration Assembly



Our Stars of the Week are: **Amariah in St Bernadette Class and Joshua in St Therese Class.**



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



### Religious Education

Next week we will be continuing our topic 'Waiting'. The children will learn about the Visitation when Mary went to see her cousin Elizabeth.

**Home learning:** Share the Christmas Story with your child and ask them which part they like the best and why.



### Maths

Next week, we will be starting a new area of learning in Maths: 2D and 3D shapes. The children will explore a range of physical 2D and 3D shapes before thinking about their properties. They will also investigate patterns.

**Home learning:** What shapes does your child know? Can they talk about how many sides or corners a 2D shape has? Can they count the faces on a 3D shape correctly?



### English

In our English learning, we are going to be thinking about the season of Winter. The children will explore types of Winter poems and play with words that can be used to describe Winter.

**Home Learning:** At home talk to your child about signs of Winter. How is Winter different to Autumn? Can they describe and explain how it is different?

If you would like to watch a video that shows our weather during Winter in the UK, please click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0Bv6hchrg0>



### Phonics

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.

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.

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**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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