

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term 2019.

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas! We would like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful gifts, cards and good wishes you gave us for Christmas - they are much appreciated.



The topics we will be focusing on this term are 'Special People in the Community', and 'Meals' and Change. Our learning in the Spring Term leads into Lent, a time when we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and Resurrection at the end of Holy Week. In our first topic 'Special People', the children will explore their experiences of the special people they may meet in their community. They will learn about how communities need and value the range of skills that different people bring into the community.

Home Learning: Talk to your child about the variety of people you may meet in your community and what it would be like if they were not there? (E.g., what would it be like if we did not have postmen, doctors or firemen?)

English

This term the children will be focusing on the features of non-fiction books and they will be creating their own non-fiction books about 'The Seasons'. This week we will be focusing on the differences and similarities between non-fiction books and fiction books and finding out about content and index pages.

The sound of the week is: 'ck' e.g., clock, neck and brick.

The word of the week is: 'were' e.g. we enjoy reading every day.

Home learning: Talk to your child and help them to identify whether their reading book is a fiction or non-fiction book (information and factual books). It is lovely to see how the children's reading is developing and we appreciate the time you spend hearing your child read every day. Please continue to help your child to learn their weekly spellings.

Maths

This week the children will be learning to use number bonds to 15 to help them to complete addition and subtraction number sentences and problem solve using RUCSAC (Read, underline, calculate, solve, answer and check.)

Home Learning: Help your child to learn the number bonds to 15. E.g. $10+5=15$, $8+7=15$.

St Bernadette Class will be swimming every Wednesday, so please ensure your child has the correct swimming kit e.g. towel, blue swimming trunks (boys), or blue swimming costume (girls), and swimming hat in a waterproof bag. **St Therese Class** will be doing PE every Wednesday, so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit e.g. white school t-shirt with St. Mary's logo, blue shorts and plimsolls in their school PE bag. In case PE is outside can you also include Navy jogging bottoms and trainers. Your child's name needs to be written clearly on all items of clothing.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support.

Year 1 Team