



Friday Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2023

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to hear the sounds of Advent approaching as both the Early Years and Year 4 practice their Christmas songs in the school hall ahead of their performances over the next few weeks.

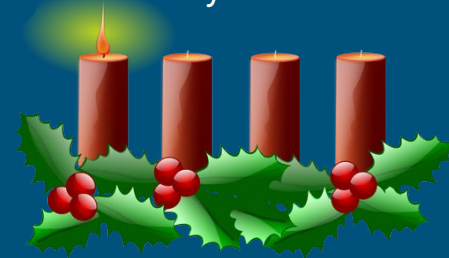
The first week of Advent is given to the Prophets, who hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, told us to '*Stay awake*' and '*Be ready*'.

Mark's Gospel message this weekend encourages us to be alert and on the lookout for Christ's saving love. This past week I have seen this love present in our families and community across the school. Children helping one another with a jammed coat zip or parents wrapping their arms around other parents in need. A beacon of light, a star to follow, a place of shelter - what a wonderful community we have!

The season of good will is upon us. A season of hope and a season of Joy.

May our eyes be open to the light that Christ brings.

Mr Dachtler





Advent



As we embark on the season of Advent, we are inviting you to set up a virtual Travelling Crib.

The virtual Travelling Crib consists of a picture of the Nativity but even better if you have your own crib at home feel free to set it up and perhaps light a candle which will remind you of Jesus who is the light of the world. Take some time to reflect and finish with a prayer.

We would like you to take a picture of you and your family praying around the virtual crib and print or email it into your child's class teacher by Monday 11th December.

BOOK TALK

- Our focus this week are books which have been published recently, which we have added to our library wishlist.

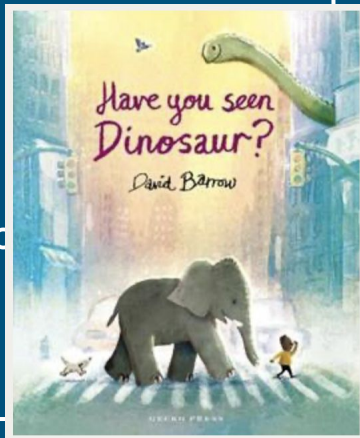


EYFS

Have you seen Dinosaur?

By David Barrow

A little boy, his dog and his friend Elephant decide to go looking for dinosaurs in a city that looks remarkably like New York. They try the museum, the underground train, the skate park, but the trio find it very hard to spot any at all! Finally, when they rest at the top of a green hill, they realise what they've been overlooking.



Key Stage 1

Little Wolf

By Peter Donnelly

Will little wolf cub find his inner howl in time for the big Howling Ceremony? Little Wolf is a heartfelt tale of courage, perseverance, family, friendship and proving that even the smallest voice can make the sweetest sound.

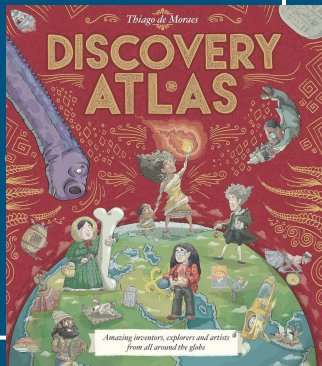


Lower Key Stage 2

Discovery Atlas: Amazing inventors, explorers and artists from around the globe.

by Tiago de Moraes

The 'maps' in *Discovery Atlas* are fabulous, imaginative scenes, packed with incredible inventions and dramatic discoveries. There are twelve witty, fact-packed chapters to explore, which show how humans discovered everything from Medicine and Technology to Food, Space and even Sport. As you travel through each chapter, you'll meet amazing inventors, explorers, astronauts from all around the globe.



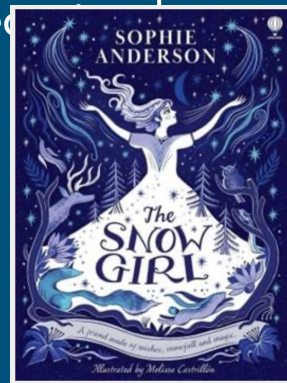
Upper Key Stage 2

The Snow Girl

Written by Sophie Anderson

Illustrated by Melissa Castrillón

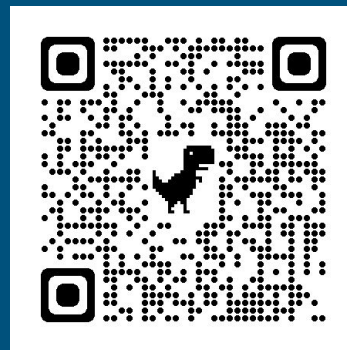
Tasha is delighted when her snow girl comes to life and wishes the winter could last forever, as she cannot bear the thought of losing her only friend. This is an enchanting story about facing fears, reaching out to make new friends and knowing when to let go. The novel is interwoven with folk tales of snow spirits and enhanced by magical illustrations.



School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.



Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated books to the library.

Headlines of the week



Nursery

Number week



This week Nursery have been thinking and learning all about numbers 1-5!
We have completed fun number activities using lego blocks, paint, puzzles and whiteboards. Nursery have been using their super maths fingers to help count different objects.

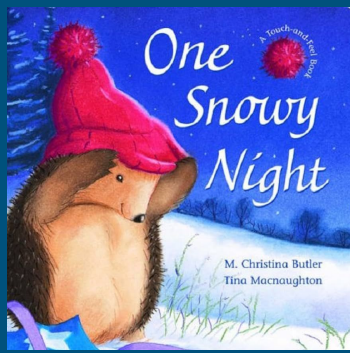
As well as counting backwards from 10 - amazing work this week!

Well done Mini T's :)



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Reception



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..
In Reception!

In **Literacy**, we started our new story 'One Snowy Night' and explored the snowy, woodland setting. The children have been using story language in the role-play areas to make hot chocolate, toast marshmallows by the campfire and ski!

In **Maths**, the children have been learning how to subtract using counting objects and the crossing out method.

RE lessons have continued to explore Advent. The children have also been working hard to practise their Nativity performance, telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Year 1

Year 1 have been superstars again this week.

In English, we have been working really hard to plan our own stories based around 'The Way Back Home'. Next week, we get to write our stories based off our plan which we are all very excited about!

In music this week, we have been listening to Colonel Hathi's march from the Jungle Book. We stomped and marched to learn about the beat of songs.

We have also decorated the classroom and discussed the importance of 'waiting' as we enter the time of Advent.



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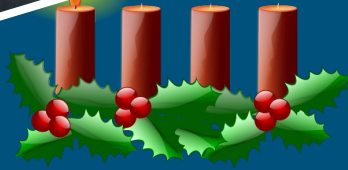
Chismidi has had a fantastic week! In our English lessons he has used his imagination to create an exciting plan for his own ending to our story. He was also a superstar in our ICT lesson helping everyone to log on!

1KH NED Champion:

Chelsea is our NED champion this week! Chelsea always tries her best at school and this week she has been making a fantastic effort to raise her hand and contribute in lessons. Well done Chelsea!



Year 2



In **RE** lessons this week, children have begun to learn about why and how we **prepare during Advent** and created some **wonderful wreaths** to take home, to help support this time of preparing among our families.

In **English**, we began a new text this week called the *Emperor's Egg* by Martin Jenkins & Jane Chapman and have started to learn all about the different roles and responsibilities of **penguin parents** and the adversities they face.

In **Maths**, we have come to the **end** of a huge unit of **learning - addition and subtraction**. Our pupils have faced some tough lessons recently and demonstrated **willing and resilience** - well done Year 2!

This week, our excellent **NED champions** are: **Shabina in 2LM** and in **Noah 2CM**. :-)

In our English lesson this week, we have been inspired by our book *Leon and the Place Between* to write wonderfully descriptive diary entries about a visit to the circus.

Religious Education this week focussed on Isaiah, the prophet who foretold the coming of Jesus. We also thought carefully about what we could do to be ready for Jesus coming at Christmas. We combined all those excellent ideas together to form a paper chain.

The United Kingdom has been our focus this term in geography. This week, we were able to recap our understanding of the different countries in the UK, their capital cities and their highest peaks. We then started to learn all about the counties of England. Did you know that the word county comes from the French word *comté*, and shire is an Anglo-Saxon word?



Year 3



★ NED Champions ★

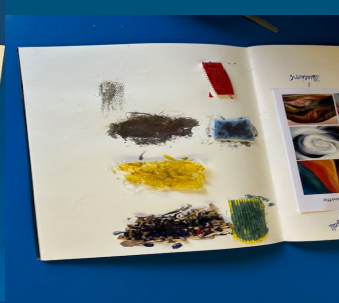
3EW - MICHAL

Michal has worked very well during our music lesson to produce a great 4 beat rhythm. He worked well with his partner, showing good listening and concentration throughout.

3M - NAILA

Not only is Naila incredibly kind, but she always does her best, setting an excellent example of our school values and NED principles. She comes to school with a smile every day, and her work shines with her love of learning.

Year 4



Year 4 have enjoyed beginning a new topic in Art, based on the work of the artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. We began by looking at different textures and painted them in different colours, to see the impact of the paint upon that particular texture. We then had our own 'art gallery' where we looked at and appraised each others' work walking around the room.

We will be looking at how she uses paint to create visual textures and will try to emulate her work in our next art lessons.

In RE, we have been exploring God's gift of love and friendship and how we can give the gift of friendship as well as receive it.

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Noah is our NED champion this week for excellent focus and listening, as well as his effort, in playing the flute in his music lesson! He received a commendation from the flute teacher herself and should be very proud of his musical skills. Well done Noah!

In 4P Iris is conscientious, hardworking, kind, caring, a teamplayer, reliable, resilient, determined, honest, assiduous, enthusiastic and happy.
#SuperDooperPupil

Year 5



Year 5 had a very exciting week, especially in History and Science! Continuing our learning about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin, the children made tiles out of terracotta clay, depicting some of the animals and symbols at the centre of Benin beliefs and culture. In Science, the children constructed parachutes and tested various surface areas to see whether they would affect the time taken for the parachute to fall to the ground! We also had some fantastic discussions about the experiments of Galileo!



NED

5G - Shamara is always exceptionally hardworking and diligent but I have been especially impressed recently by her incredible attitude and performance in her assessments. Shamara has been making fantastic progress and I cannot wait to see what she will go on to achieve!

5C - Oga is the NED champion! She has shown great insight in our RE lessons recently, making links between the scriptures we have looked at and the artwork. She is consistently trying her best in subjects as well as working well as part of a team. Keep it up!

Year 6



During this exciting week, Year 6 had the privilege of welcoming a police officer, into our school. He generously shared his expertise on various topics. From the intricacies of identification methods to the complexities of dealing with knives, theft prevention strategies, and the influence of social media, his presentation was both enlightening and thought-provoking.

His insights extended beyond the routine, shedding light on the importance of personal safety and security in our daily lives. He engaged with the real-world examples, making the information tangible and relevant. His visit not only broadened the children's understanding of law enforcement but also emphasised the role each of us plays in creating a safer community. There were lots of interesting questions from the children too!



THIS WEEK'S NED CHAMPIONS!

6W **Olivia**

This week, much like every week, Olivia has been brilliant! She always works hard, asks questions when she needs help, but most importantly - Olivia never gives up! Well done Olivia!

6F **Luke**

This week, Luke is our NED champion. His questioning during lessons, particularly in RE, demonstrate a commendable level of curiosity and innovative thinking. Luke exhibits impeccable manners and is a considerate member of our class. Furthermore, his outstanding personality and infectious smile contribute significantly to our class environment. #SmilelikeLuke

Noticeboard



Reminders

EYFS/KS1 Stay and Pray sessions every Monday - see the next slide.

Please use the following link if you would like to sign up as a Library Helper

<https://forms.gle/wXUw5zrU7dq6xAuS8>

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Monday 4th December - Yr 6 Trip to Parliament - meet at Morden Station 8.30am

Please note - The Family Coffee Morning on Friday 15th December 2023 has been **postponed**.

Upcoming key dates

- 8 Dec - FOST Christmas Family Fair after school
- 13 Dec - School Christmas Dinner day and Christmas Jumper day.
- 20th Class Christmas Parties - Children can wear a christmas jumper
- 21 Dec - School finishes for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education Plan](#)



EY/KS1 Stay and Pray Sessions

This will be a chance for us to share with you more about the faith life of our school and how we plan to help parents 'unpack' the Gospel each week in our brand new weekly 'Stay and Pray' sessions Every Monday 8.50am - 9.20am.

Where? [Tiny T's Nursery room](#)

(Please use the Nursery side entrance after drop off)

Coffee, Biscuits and a time
to meet and reflect!



St Teresa's

**Library helpers/volunteers
needed.**

Scan the QR code below if you are
interested in helping in the library
after school.

Thank you :)



FOST

Autumn 2023
event schedule...



**Tuesday
10th
October**

**Cake and
uniform sale**

in the
ground
3pm



**Friday
3rd
November**

Spooky Disco
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15
KS2 5:30-7:15



Scan the QR code or
[click here for tickets](#)



**Friday
24th
November
Film Night**

in the school hall

Click the year
groups for tickets
below

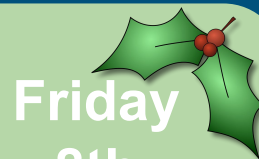
[EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15](#)

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**Friday
1st
December**

**Whole School
bottle tombola
'Mufti Day'**



**Friday
8th
December**

**Christmas
Family Fair**
after school in
the hall



FOST

Autumn 2023 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
<p>Thank you parents and carers for your cake donations and for supporting our uniform and cake sale on Tuesday where a wonderful £415.50 was raised!</p>			
 Spooky Disco	 School Hall  	 EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	 Click on this link to start purchasing your tickets now and join us for a spooky boogie.
 Film Night	 School Hall	EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	Click here for EYFS/KS1 tickets Click here for KS2 tickets
Mufti Day	In school 	All day	Children wear their own clothes to school and bring an <u>unopened</u> bottle of pop/other (alcohol permitted) or a £1. 
Christmas Family Fair 	School Hall	After school	Look out for further information and join us to enjoy numerous Christmas themed stalls at the Family Fair , see Father Christmas and enjoy the festivities.

Family Coffee Mornings - Spring Dates 2024

Family Coffee Morning



The sessions will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

Spring Term Dates

Friday 26th January 2024

Friday 23rd February 2024

Friday 22nd March 2024

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and
Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at
the session.

No need to book, just turn up!



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