



Friday Bulletin

Friday 24th November 2023

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

This has clearly been an incredibly sad and difficult week for our school community. Matthew's Gospel message for the Feast of Christ the King, encourages us to look after one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Families, in all senses of the word, have to endure periods of happiness and sadness - 'sunshine and showers'. The Gospel reminds us that in times of great sadness such as these, those who are able, need to put people most in need first. Once gain this wonderful community of ours has answered this call, united in prayer and love. Thank you.

The season of Advent beckons.

A time of reflection, reconciliation and reconnection.

A time of great hope.

A promise of great love.....always.

Mr Dachtler



BOOK TALK - As we enter the last week of November our book choices all have a winter theme.

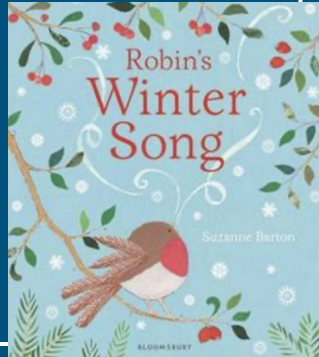


EYFS

Robin's Winter Song

By Suzanne Barton

It's Autumn and all the birds and animals tell Robin that they are getting ready for Winter. From what they tell him, Winter is a fearsome individual and, rather than meet him, Robin snuggles up close to Bear in his cosy cave. However, robins aren't meant to hibernate, and when he looks outside, he sees a white wonderland which he loves and encourages other creatures to appreciate too.



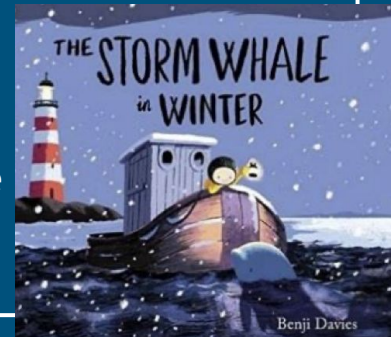
Key Stage 1

The Storm Whale in Winter

By Benji Davies

A follow up to the award winning The Storm Whale which shows the close relationship between Noi and his dad and their life by the sea.

This time the winter has set in and Noi's dad has gone on a fishing trip but fails to return. Noi sets out to rescue his dad but soon finds it is he who needs rescuing. This is a touching story about the power of friendship and love.

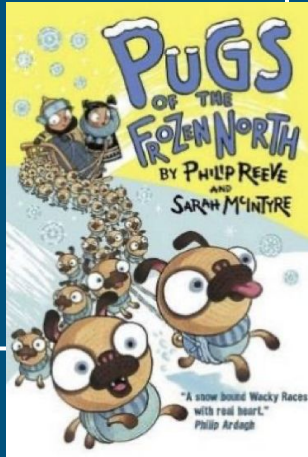


Lower Key Stage 2

Pugs of the Frozen North

by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

When True Winter comes, once in a lifetime, teams on sledges pulled by animals take part in the Great Northern Race across the snow, of which there are fifty kinds, to the Snowfather's palace at the top of the world. Cabin boy Shen, cast adrift from his ship with 66 pug dogs, meets Sika who is desperate to take part in the race. They join forces and exhilarating adventures ensue involving the Kraken, yetis and trolls, not to mention the other participants in the race.



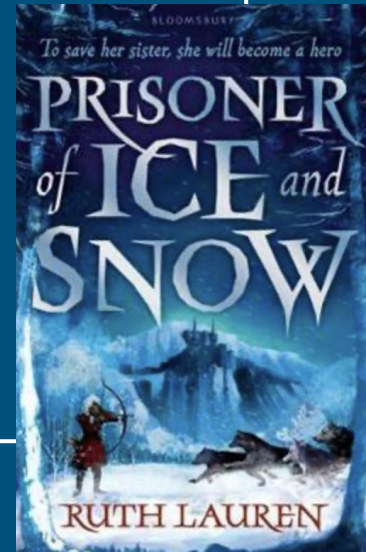
Upper Key Stage 2

Prisoner of Ice and Snow

By Ruth Lauren

Valor is determined to rescue her twin sister Sasha, imprisoned for theft, even though it means she must first be convicted of a crime herself.

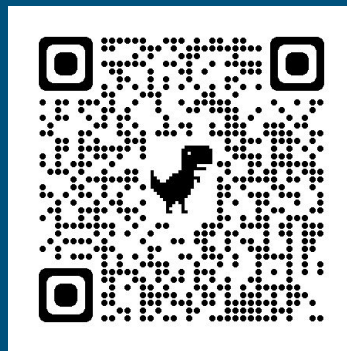
An exciting adventure story with a strong heroine at its heart, set in a frozen land where only queens can rule.



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.

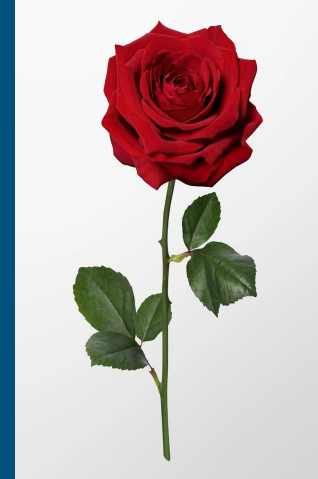
Headlines of the week



Nursery



Heavenly Father,
bless all of us. Fill us with
your Spirit and the spirit
of Hope so that we may be
strengthened in our daily
tasks. We ask this through
Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Reception

This week in Reception the children have continued experimenting in how they were going to travel to the moon and writing lists on what they were taking with them!

In phonics the children are developing fast and working hard with their blending practise.

In maths we have explored groups of objects and adding them together.

RE saw the children preparing for Advent before next week, by making their own Advent wreaths. Which reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives, and prepares us to celebrate Jesus's birth at Christmas.

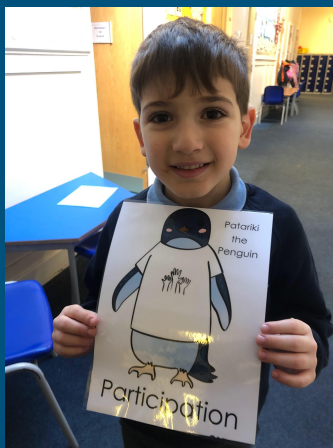


Year 1



This week in Geography we started our new topic about **'Our Local Area'** and explored where we live and what places are in our local area.

We also started our RE topic about **'Waiting'** we explored times when we have had to wait for things and how this made us feel, thinking about how we can be more like Patariki the Penguin and participate Advent celebrations.



1LH NED Champion:

Abigail is our NED this week, she consistently tries her best and is a wonderful friend to everyone in the class. We were also extremely impressed in our Geography lesson when she was able explain what town, city and country we live in!

1KH NED Champion:

Isabella is this week's NED champion. She is a fantastic role model to others because she is always ready to learn and focused. She is also lovely to everyone in the class, super polite and has the best laugh! Well done superstar.

Year 2



In **RE** lessons this week, we have been learning **about the Jewish celebration, Shabbat**. Children have explored what this means and considered the different ways in which Jewish people prepare for the Shabbat.

During our hour of **English** each day, we have been putting together our writing skills to complete our very own **fairytale inspired stories, with a twist**.

In **Maths** lessons we have been **adding and subtracting 2, two digit number across ten**, which has been **a little tricky** and our **maths homework reflects this** and has given us the opportunity to **practise a little more at home**.

As a **year group, alongside Year 1 pupils** we also had the opportunity to **come together for a Phase Liturgy** to understand more about **The Feast of Christ the King** and offer up our prayers for those who need it most in our community at this time.

Our wonderful **NED champions** this week are **Brody in 2LM** and **Emilio in 2CM**. Well done to you both! :-)

Year 3

In our Art lessons in Year 3 this week, we were introduced to the wonderful artist Vincent Van Gogh and created our own masterpieces inspired by his work.

On Wednesday, we joined the Year 4s for our Phase Assembly led by Mrs Eaden. We listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and thought about ways in which we can shine the light of Jesus with our global neighbours.

The first group of children continued their Forest School sessions with Mrs Scott this week; all had great fun. Each child will have an opportunity to participate in Forest School over the course of the year.



★ NED Champions ★

3EW

Aareena has used her great map reading skills in Geography where she could find and locate the different mountain ranges in the UK. This was not an easy thing to do, but Aareena tried her very best and never gave up!

3M

Franky is our NED champion this week because of his positive attitude in Maths! His resilience and participation have shone through in all his work.

Well done Aareena and Franky!

Year 4



In Year 4, we have been practising our Advent show ready to perform on 5th December and it's been wonderful to see the children try out their acting skills, as well as listening to their beautiful singing.

We have also been continuing to learn about poetry through the poem 'And Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, with the children practising their own versions of sentences with the same themes. The children have impressed us with their use of some very sophisticated and challenging sentence structures.

In French, we have learnt how to name different items of clothing and played timed games wearing as many items of clothing for our peers to list in French, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D Asmitha is our NED champion this week for her impressive and attitude to test week. She was focused and diligent in how she answered questions and her learning behaviour is exemplary. Well done!

In 4P Csef has displayed determination and focus this week in his tests. He has tried his best and didn't give up even when he came across difficult questions. He has demonstrated that it is okay not to know but it's not okay not to try.

Year 5

The children have been hard at work this week completing their Autumn assessments. Well done to everyone for their diligence and dedication.

We have continued to study the work of Chris Ofili in art by adding watercolours inspired by his work. We look forward to developing these paintings in the coming weeks.

Our science investigation was all about weight and mass! We compared the mass of an object to how much gravity would be pulling it down.

Finally, the children made fantastic clay tiles as part of their history learning. They were inspired by Benin artwork and sacred animals.



NED

5G - I have been incredibly impressed with Victor this week. He has been able to remain fantastically calm and focussed throughout the assessments and also provided excellent contributions to other lessons, especially during a role play in History. Well done, Victor, and keep it up!

5C - Cyprian is our NED champion! His attitude towards the assessments is commendable. Cyprian ensured that he worked his hardest to answer all the questions in the given time to the best of his ability. He also continues to look out for other members of the class and help them when he can. Well done!

Year 6

This week, the children in Year 6 dedicated themselves to understanding and embodying the thoughts and emotions of the disciples and Mary, the mother of Jesus. They explored their responsibilities, honors, and duties in embracing God's teachings.



THIS WEEK'S NED CHAMPIONS!

6W

Leona

Leona has been a star all week. I have been particularly impressed with her contribution within classroom discussion. It has truly been a pleasure to watch her confidence grow this term! Well done Leona!

6F

Patrick has been chosen this week for his humble knack for kindness and caring, all done without the awareness that I've witnessed his thoughtful actions. This includes promptly distributing reading records when children had forgotten them.

#kindDeedsAlways #BeLikePatrick



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.

Upcoming key dates

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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](#)
[KS2 5:30 - 7:15](#)

**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.