



# SPRING TERM

## Newsletter 2025

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a Happy and Holy Christmas with your families. Thank you for our kind gifts and cards. We can't wait to get started with all of the exciting things we have planned for the Spring Term.



Topic



In our first half term, we will focus our learning on 'Are you wild about Africa?'. We will compare Africa to the United Kingdom thinking about how our climates differ, identifying a range of human and physical features of Africa and getting crafty as we make Masaai tribe necklaces.

After half term, we will turn our learning to 'Why does Sir Robert Peel have a statue in Bury?'. We will be learning about who he is, why he is so significant to Manchester and how the police play a vital part of keeping us and our communities safe.

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MATHS

We will continue to use the diocesan programme of study - 'Come and See'.

The units we will be covering are:

Special People - People in the Parish family.

Meals - Mass; Jesus' special meal.

Change - Lent a time for change.

We are consolidating our place value and + and - knowledge this half term.

We will also be exploring shape, multiplication and division and a variety of different measurements (length, height and mass).

Year 2 parents please help your child to be confident knowing their 2s, 5s and 10s in more preparation for the Juniors.



## Science



In our first half term, we will focus our learning on 'Would you see a shark in the desert?'. We will continue to observe and record changes in the seasons and focus on African animals and habitats and how different animals are adapted to these habitats.

Our Science unit after half term focuses on 'Which plants would Kipper find in the park?'. We will use the story 'A year with Kipper' to help us learn all about plants. We will observe how our bulbs have grown since Autumn and plant some seeds, investigating what they need to grow.

## English

We will be working on grammar and writing skills through **fiction**, **non fiction** and **poetry** and link our books to our topics. We will look at lots of exciting books such as, *The Ugly Five*, *Zahra / Lila* and *Cops and Robbers*.

## Homework

Y1 - Maths homework is set on MyMaths each **FRIDAY** to be completed by the following Friday.

ALL KSI - Homework books are sent home each **FRIDAY** to be completed by your child's book change day (**Y2 - Tuesday, Y1/2 - Wednesday and Y1 - Thursday**) to allow for new homework to be stuck in.

**Y2 parents you will have received a separate letter regarding homework and preparation for KS2 via email.**

## Reading Books

Reading books will be changed once a week. Your child will receive two paper books from school. Please sign your child's journal daily, so that we know that your child has read to you. We recommend that the children read every night for **15 minutes**. We cannot stress enough how much your child will benefit if they read daily.

**Please use the reading sheds to support your child's reading alongside reading books. The books we send home support them with their current phonics learning from lessons so may focus on particular sounds/rules.**

Please follow us on X to see our fantastic learning, each class posts at least once a week. Please comment on our posts, we love to read comments from families.  
**@stbernadettesrc**



## Reminders

Please make sure all **uniform and water bottles** are labelled so your child can find anything that they misplace. Until February half term, PE days are: **Y1 - Monday and Thursday Year 1/2 - Monday and Thursday** and **Y2 - Monday and Friday**.

Please ensure your child is in full school PE kit and it is labelled clearly. **No earrings or plasters**. Small studs are allowed on non-PE days. Please let us know if you can join us for **DEAR time (drop everything and read)** in your child's journal. We read a story at the end of the day and the children love listening to others read, we would be very grateful!