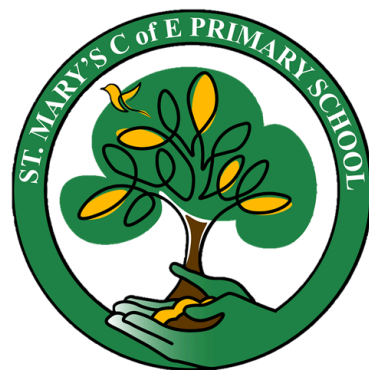
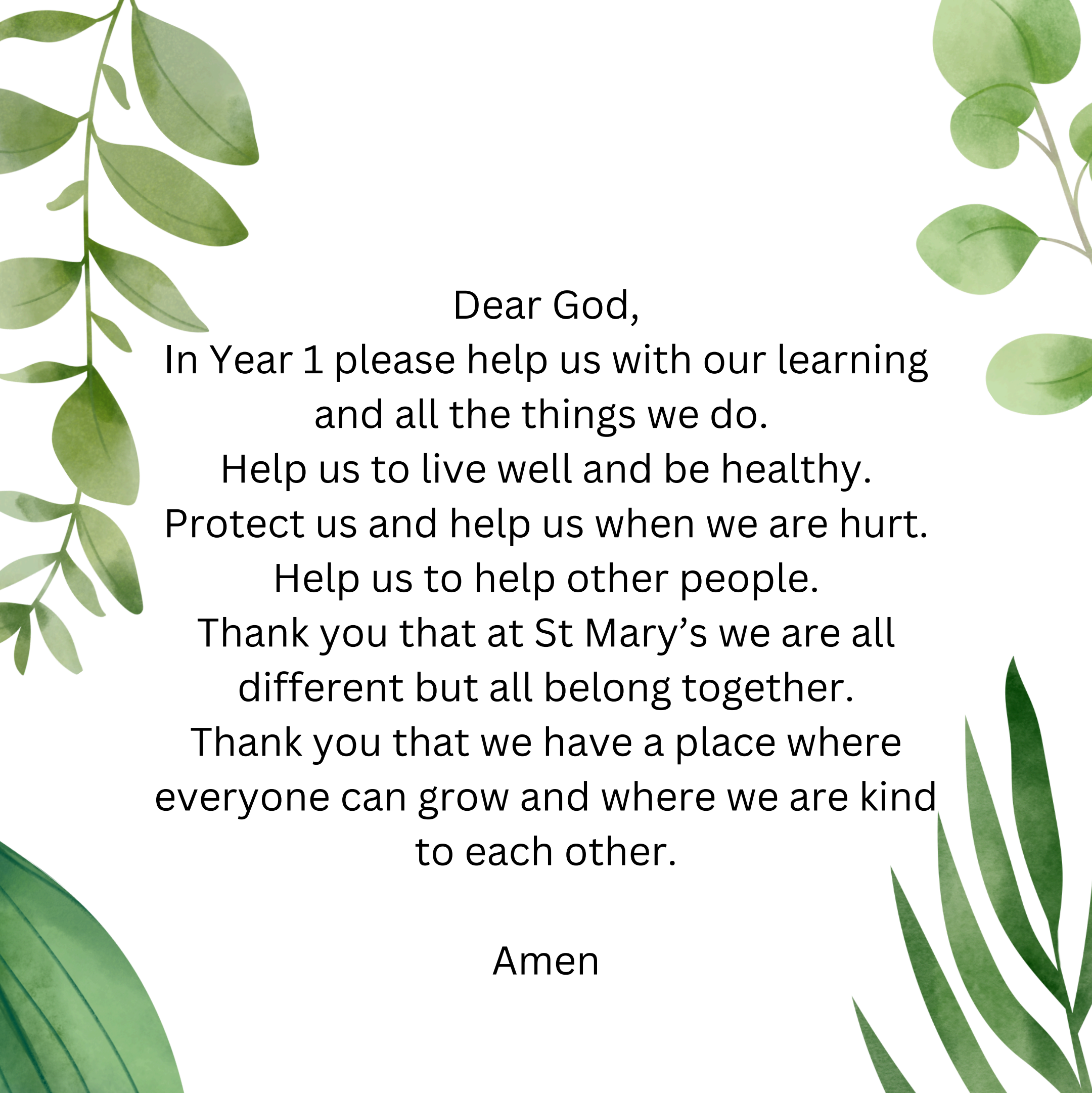


We began our first week back to school by reflecting on the parable of the mustard seed. This parable is the theological underpinning of our school vision and ethos, and is also captured in our school logo.


It encouraged our thinking about ‘starting small’ and achieving great things in our learning and in wider life, which could include providing for others in time, just like the birds who nested in the mustard tree’s branches. Years 1 to 6 wrote beautiful ‘start the year’ class prayers inspired by the parable.



The page features decorative green leaves in the corners. On the left, there is a vertical stem with several oval-shaped leaves. On the right, there are two clusters of leaves: one with rounded, heart-shaped leaves and another with long, narrow, pointed leaves. The background is plain white.

Dear God,
In Year 1 please help us with our learning
and all the things we do.
Help us to live well and be healthy.
Protect us and help us when we are hurt.
Help us to help other people.
Thank you that at St Mary's we are all
different but all belong together.
Thank you that we have a place where
everyone can grow and where we are kind
to each other.

Amen



Dear God,
Please help us to be good
listeners in our new class so that
everyone can share their ideas
and learn from each other.
Thank you for our school.
Help all of Y2 to be kind and
make good choices so that our
school is a happy, fun and safe
place.
Let us learn, play and sleep well
to help our bodies and minds
grow.

Amen



Dear God,

Thank you for the new children that have joined St Mary's, helping our school to grow just like the branches of the mustard tree. Please help Y3 to be kind and generous and to take care of each other so that we can all grow and flourish like the mustard seed.

Amen



Dear God,

Thank You for loving us and for being with us every day.
Even when our faith feels small, help us to remember that
you can make it grow.

Help all babies to grow strong and healthy, just like the
mustard seed that becomes a big, strong tree. Guide them
as they begin their journey in life, and may they be
surrounded by love and care as they grow.

Help us in Y4 to learn and grow to become everything you
want us to be.

Show us how to trust you more each day, knowing that
you have big plans for us.

Help us to be kind and loving, like the tree that gives
shade and shelter to the birds.

Amen





Dear God,

Please help us to limit the sad things this year by caring for each other, being kind and fair to each other. Please help us to do what we can to stop climate change and work towards world peace.

Help us to be like mustard seeds growing in knowledge while caring, loving and helping each other to grow and flourish.

Help us celebrate how unique each one of us is; just like each mustard seed grows a unique tree. We want our school to be a happy, caring, trusting and fair place. Please help us in Y5 to do our bit by being trustworthy, honest, including people, thinking about how our actions effect other people and making good decisions.

Amen





Dear God,
Please help us in Y6 to take good care of
our buddies and to be helpful to all new
reception pupils.

Help us as we work towards our Christmas
play next half term.

We will try to flourish and mature and grow
with knowledge just like a mustard seed.

We work hard in our learning and be
sensible. We hope our buddies flourish and
grow too.

We'd like our school to be clean with no
litter and a safe place where everyone can
flourish with knowledge. We will do more
litter picking and try to create wonderful
friendships. We will collect our resources
and care for them.

Amen

