

# St Paulinus Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, and welcome to Year 2. We start by wishing you all a happy new school year in these unusual times. We know that things are very different for the children at the moment but we are so proud of how they have coped with the changes put in place. The children have really enjoyed seeing each other and reconnecting with their friends, which is fantastic.

As you already know in Year 2 we have 2 teachers, Miss Mallam works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Mrs Spark works Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This year we also have Miss Ashwell as our TA .

We would like to take the opportunity to explain a little of what you and your children can expect this term.....

At the moment we are ensuring the children are settled and their social and emotional learning is a priority as Mr Geaves has shared with you in the recovery curriculum. Alongside this we are gradually beginning some topic work.

The topic for this half term is 'What makes Guisborough special?' We would usually enjoy a trip to the woods, the Priory and Gisborough Hall, unfortunately we are unable to do that at the minute. If possible please do visit Guisborough Woods or the Priory and explore the beautiful grounds, it is a wonderful place.

In our Geography work, we will be learning about different continents and climate regions around the world. The children will learn to interpret maps and atlases.

In Design and Technology, the children will be taught strengthening techniques in model making and the process of planning, constructing and evaluating their work. Please can we ask you save any boxes, cardboard tubes and empty yoghurt pots. You would be amazed at how many boxes we need especially in this topic when we will challenge them to build their own house. Please send them into school as soon as possible as we will need to quarantine them before they are used by the children. Please could the children also bring in a photograph of the front of their house for them to use when they add the detail.

In English, we will be using different books to provide a stimulus for some

setting and character descriptions. The first book we have already started is 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. The children will look at a forest as a setting, the character description of the forest beast and then write their own forest stories. You never know, the Spittler may come out of the woods and visit school!

In Maths, we have begun by recapping some basic key concepts such as number bonds, we are working towards the children having this information as instant recall. During the term the children will be working on place value, partitioning, addition and subtraction facts for numbers to 100.

In Science the children will be using observations, predictions and careful evaluations.

Our Come and See topic for this half term is 'Beginnings'. During this topic, the children will explore the theme- family-the love and care they bring and God's love and care for every family. They will be introduced to the scriptures related to this topic.

PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. In Year 2 we are not getting fully changed for PE, just changing school shoes for trainers and taking off jumpers and ties, this may change over the term.

We are hoping to get the reading books up and running next week, please bear with us; it is taking longer than anticipated after the long time away from school.

Please ensure children's uniform is fully labelled, we already have our first item of lost property! If you are missing a cardigan please get in touch.

As always, if you have any concerns please feel pass on a message to Miss Ashwell at the hall door on a morning or after school.

Your sincerley,

**Miss R Mallam and Mrs Spark**

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