



St Paulinus Newsletter

Year Three



Welcome

Hello there and welcome back to a new school year! We hope you are all safe and well. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your wonderful children over the last couple of weeks. They have made a fantastic start to Year 3 and despite the changes and new routines, they have taken everything in their stride. They have returned to school full of smiles, energy and enthusiasm. In order to settle back in to the daily rhythm of school, we have spent lots of time talking, sharing memories and reconnecting with each other. We are so proud of them all and very excited for the year ahead.

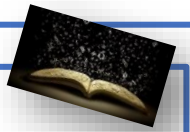
English

Reading continues to play a very significant role in our school curriculum. Our class book this half term is the classic text, Wizard of Oz. The children have been enjoying listening to the story each day and they are completing activities based on the characters and storyline. As part of our English lessons over the next half term, we will be focusing on poetry and story writing. Please encourage your children to explore poems and classic stories at home so they can immerse themselves in the key language and features. We will also be focusing on embedding phonics skills and developing a cursive script during regular handwriting sessions.



Reading

It is so important that your child reads regularly at home. We ask that they read at least three times a week with an adult and that their reading record is signed. We will be sending home school reading books however, due to current restrictions, the books will have to be quarantined for 72 hours once returned to school. As a consequence, the choice of books may be more limited than usual. In order to help with this matter, on occasion your child may be asked to keep the book for an extra day or two and will be encouraged to complete a reading activity in response to their chosen book. This will provide a fantastic opportunity to discuss the book in more detail and develop their comprehension skills.



Maths

Our focus in Maths this half term is place value and the number system. We will also be exploring the four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and their application. We are really looking forward to using our outdoor space creatively this year in order to engage children and support their understanding of maths.

Hopefully you received a letter last week about the importance of times tables. Please take the time to read the information and explore the activities and suggestions in the pack provided. Confidence with times tables is key to success in so many areas of maths and so any extra revision that can be completed at home will be a fantastic help.

RE

Our current topic in RE is Homes. Throughout this topic we will be exploring God's vision for a home and looking carefully at the Holy Family and their example of a loving family. Please talk to your child about what it is that makes your home special and unique to your family.



PE

PE will take place twice a week on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Our focus this half term is football.

PE kits should be in school every day and will be sent home the last week of this half term. Please ensure names are written in all items of clothing.



Wider Curriculum

We are currently implementing a recovery curriculum which places children's emotional and social well-being at the heart of our teaching. We have weekly PSHE lessons and we are taking time every day for mindfulness and well-being activities to ensure children feel happy and ready to begin their school learning journey again. Revision of key skills is the focus for our Maths and English lessons at the moment and over the next couple of weeks, we will establish any gaps in your child's learning so that we can provide a curriculum which is appropriate for their needs.

Our Science topic this half term is Forces and Magnets and we have some enjoyable investigations to look forward to over the coming weeks. Later in the term, we will begin our work on the History topic of the Stone Age. This is an exciting topic which lends itself to a wide variety of activities across the curriculum.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

Children will also receive Maths, English, Topic or RE homework each Friday which should be **handed in by the following Wednesday**.



Thank you so much for all of your support. Our whole school aim this year is to sparkle and shine and we have no doubt that Year 3 are going to do just that!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care,

The Year Three Team x

