



# St Paulinus Newsletter Year Four

## Welcome Back!

A big hello to those of you I have not yet met in person and welcome to a new school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break- it's certainly been a different one. The children have shared lots of their lovely experiences and it's been a pleasure to get to know them. I have been so impressed with the way they have settled back after such a long break, and how they have adapted so well to the new procedures. They have tackled our work so far with boundless enthusiasm and I feel extremely optimistic about the year ahead.

## Reading

It is important that your child reads to an adult at least three times a week and that their reading record is signed. School reading books are available but will be quarantined for 72hrs on their return. Since this limits the selection of books available, we welcome children to bring books from home. These will be checked by a member of staff to ensure they are at an appropriate level and will only be touched by your child.



## Maths

We have begun to establish any gaps in learning and are ensuring children begin working at an appropriate level following the end of their time in school last academic year. We have begun by looking at place value. This involves knowing which is the thousands, hundreds, tens and units digit, ordering numbers, finding 1000 more and less and rounding. During the course of year 4, it is expected that children will know their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  and corresponding division facts. Therefore any extra practise you can offer will be greatly appreciated.



## RE

Our topics this term are People, Called, Islam and Advent.



Please reflect on who you love and who the significant people in your life are.

## PE

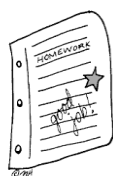
PE will take place on a Thursday and Tuesday. PE kits should already be in school and will be brought home the last week of this half term. Please ensure names are written in all items of clothing. We also recommend jogging bottoms and sweatshirts during the winter months as we try to do as much outdoor sport as possible.



### Homework

Spellings will be given on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. English, Maths, topic or RE homework will be given on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.

Children should be practising the times table they are up to (we learn them in this order 2, 10, 5, 3, 4, 8, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12) and will be tested every Monday. Keep practising!



### Music

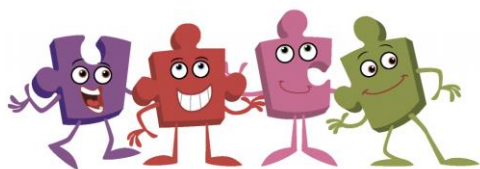
In Year 4, children receive weekly ukulele lessons.

These happen, every Thursday throughout the year. Next week, your children will bring home their own ukulele which will be loaned to them for the year. Children should bring their ukulele back to school every Thursday and find time in the week to practise as directed in the lesson.



### Recovery Curriculum

We are committed to support every child in their return to formal schooling through a curriculum which meets all of their needs. The children's happiness and well-being is of utmost importance and is at the heart of all we do. This term we have a heavy focus on PSHE and key skills in reading, writing and maths.



### Worship

Collective worship takes place in class daily and whole school collective worships are streamed to classes by Mr. Geaves. We hope to recommence mass as soon as possible but will sadly not be visiting the church to do so until restrictions are lifted.



### First Holy Communion

It is a very exciting time for a lot of our children this year. In Year 4, they will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion. During these uncertain times, we are unsure about when and how preparations will commence but will communicate these with you at the earliest opportunity.



### Thank you!

The children have returned to school happy, keen to work and with a wonderful attitude. This is testament to your support during the lockdown period and is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by ringing the office. I will be happy to return phone calls or email as promptly as possible.

Kind Regards Mrs Veitch