



# 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. 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 further change. 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. They will soon be bringing home a bookmark with question prompts to help further their reading skills. Any comments you have in relation to these are gratefully received in the reading records.



## 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

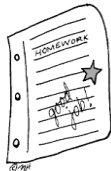
PE will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. As they did last year, children should arrive in school wearing their kits on these days. We recommend jogging bottoms and sweatshirts during the winter months as we try to do as much outdoor sport as possible.



### Homework

Spellings will be given on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. Any 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!



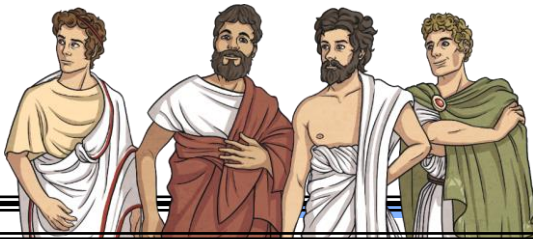
### Music

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.



### Topic

We begin the year with a History based topic - The Ancient Greeks. This exciting topic lends itself to a wide variety of activities across the curriculum. Towards the end of the half term, we will have a focussed topic day where the children will have the opportunity to dress up and enjoy Greek food. Further details will follow closer to the time.



### Worship

Collective worship takes place daily. We hope to recommence mass as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter from Mrs Bircham as it is lovely to have as many of you there as possible.



### 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. 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 continued support 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

