



# St Paulinus

## Newsletter Year Five



### Welcome Back



We hope you have all had a lovely summer with your friends and family. We are so excited for this new year and all the new opportunities it will hold for your child. Your child has the pleasure of two amazing teachers this year. Mrs Campbell will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Eschoe on Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday. During the first week in school, we have been working with the children to lay the foundations for working in Year Five including routines and day to day activities. We also have a big focus on skills such as independent problem solving, organisation and handwriting and presentation as we prepare them for Y6.

### Maths and English



This term we will be covering the following areas of the national curriculum:

In Maths we will be covering place value, number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), statistics and measurement.

In English we will be looking at poetry about ourselves, non-chronological reports on the Anglo Saxons and the text Beowulf.

### Reading

Your child will be bringing home a reading book every day. This book can be chosen by your child from our class library, from home or from our school library must be read as often as possible. As the children are reading books with more text in, they will be expected to read independently 'in their head'.

It is still beneficial for your child to read aloud to you as often as possible. At least three times a week would be fabulous.

Please can you help your child to be organised and to bring their reading book and record into school every day Just because a child is a fluent reader, they still need help with understanding vocabulary and the meaning of the text. It is our aim that children go from learning to read to reading to learn and that they find a real joy in reading.



## Homework

Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. These will be sent to your child via google classroom on their IPADS. We will mark these together on a Friday and your child will be given their feedback score. Children will be asked to write their spellings in full sentences to help in understanding the meaning of the word as well as the spelling. We will be continuing to encourage the children to be familiar with the sentence types that we use in our school, along with following the process 'Think, say, write and check' for when writing a sentence. We will be recapping the use of a dictionary and a thesaurus in order to help with spelling and word choice. On Friday we will also test times tables. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to continue to learn their times tables at home, little and often. Secure knowledge of times tables is extremely beneficial in order to be successful in lots of areas of Maths. As you may be aware, the Government now requires children to know all of their times tables up to x12 'off by heart' by the end of Year Four. I will be helping your child to secure their times table knowledge even further. The children have learning apps on their IPADS called doodle maths and TTRS to help with the rapid recall of these number facts.



### Topic

For this half term, our topic is called, 'The Anglo-Saxons were great innovators. Do you agree?' As the title suggests, this topic is driven by the History curriculum. In class, we will be exploring the impact of this period in British History. It will be taught across several subject areas including, History and Art. We will also be encouraging your child to work on several Independent Learning Challenges over the course of the term. These will help your child's knowledge and understanding of key facts and curriculum skills grow.



### PE

PE will take place on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. PE kits should be worn on these days. Please ensure names are written in all items of clothing.

### RE



Our topics this term are *Ourselves* and *Life Choices*.

Finally, should you wish to speak with us on any matters concerning your child you can pass a message to us on a morning via the TA on the door or alternatively ring the school office to have a phone conversation after school or to make an appointment. We look forward to helping your child grow during this stage of their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Eschoe, Mrs Campbell  
and Mrs Hopkinson

