

# St Paulinus

## Year One Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2021

Dear parents,

The children have all settled into Year One brilliantly and we are all getting used to our new routines. I have included some information which details our learning and topic .

### TOPIC

Our topic work focusses around the question, 'Where do I come from?' In Science we are learning about our five senses, and how to name and label the parts of the human body. We are also learning about the human life cycle from baby through to adult. We have an ongoing science topic of tree identification.

In History we will be learning about Florence Nightingale, where we will be looking at family trees. If you have some family photographs, which you could send in with your child, this would really help with their learning. In Design and Technology, we have started designing puppets, which we will make for a puppet show to retell the story of the 'Gruffalo'.

### MATHS

In Maths we are using a Mastery maths approach to continue to develop our understanding of mathematical concepts linked to number and place value. We will be focussing on counting objects carefully, comparing objects, understanding greater than, less than and equal to. We will use our knowledge to help us problem solve and explain our answers.

### P.E

Our P.E lessons are on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please can you send your child into school wearing their P.E kits on these days. For this half term our Monday session is run by the sports coaches. During our Wednesday session we will be doing Yoga. Please can you ensure that your child has their hair tied back.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Thank you for your support.

Miss Dobson and Miss Ashwell

### ENGLISH

In English this half term we are learning about stories with repetitive phrases and are currently reading the story of 'The Gruffalo'. We are focussing on developing our understanding of adjectives, which will help us to describe story settings and characters. We will then be moving on to recounting the life of Florence Nightingale.

### READING AND SPELLINGS

Spellings and Reading activities will be handed out via Google Classroom on a Friday. Spellings will be tested on the following Friday. We are sending home a homework book that you can use to complete the reading activities in. Take a photograph of your child's reading activity work and submit it via Google Classroom by the following Thursday. Please can you continue to hear your child read daily and ensure your child brings their book back to school each day.

### R.E

Our first topic is 'Families' and we are thinking about our own family as well as the family of God. We have been enjoying sharing our boxes that your child made during the summer, which has helped us learn more about each other's families. We will continue to share the remaining ones.

### GENERAL

Please can you make sure that your child's clothing has been labelled with their names. This will make it easier for your child to locate their belongings and reduce the number of lost/missing items of clothing.

Watch out for details of trips we have planned this year!