

# St Paulinus

## Year Four Autumn Term Newsletter

November 2021

Dear parents,

Welcome back! After settling in so well, the children have hit the ground running this week. They are improving in so many areas and it is lovely to see their growth in independence and confidence. From enthusiastic Roman numeral actions to wacky Greek myths, their personalities are shining through and we are having so much fun. Please read the information below to guide you through this very busy half term.

### TOPIC

Our new topic is "What's it like to live in Italy?". This is a Geography based topic but will incorporate lots of other curriculum areas. We will be drawing and modelling maps, comparing Italy with the UK, creating travel brochures and studying Italian culture. In Art, we will be looking at the work of Leonardo Da Vinci and focusing on sketching skills. The children are also keenly anticipating some Italian cookery and becoming restaurateurs.

### MATHS

In Maths, we continue to work on problem solving and reasoning skills alongside specific concepts. We begin with work on selecting efficient methods to add and subtract, and estimating. Next week will be maths week. Our focus Artist for this will be Piet Mondrian. This will act as our springboard into length and perimeter work. Finally, as we approach Christmas, we look at multiplication and division.

### R.E

Our first topic this half term is "Called". We look at how figures from the bible answered God's call and how we can do so too. This leads us to understanding the sacrament of confirmation. We then move on to our advent topic "Gift" which explores the gift of Jesus and how we can give to others.

### GENERAL

Please can you make sure that your child's clothing has been labelled with their name as we have had several mystery items. We continue to make school as Covid safe as possible. This means ventilating rooms which can become a little chilly. Please make sure your child has a jumper or cardigan in school. Watch out for details of trips we have planned this year!

### ENGLISH

This half term, we are looking at use of commas to separate clauses in different sentence types and paragraphing. We have already completed some amazing free verse poetry on fireworks. Next, the children are beginning to research Italy to write non-chronological reports. As we head towards Christmas, we will be writing setting descriptions and diaries based on Edgar the Christmas dragon.

### HOMEWORK

Please continue to read with your child every day using the book mark questions your child will be bringing home soon. Can you also sign the reading record as children are eagerly counting their reads towards a reward. The children do lots of reading in school. To keep you informed, reading records will be stamped to reflect this. Spellings will be given on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. Times table tests will happen weekly. Sadly, there are no quick fixes so please continue to fire questions, sing songs, play games and support TTRS at home. This really helps.

### P.E

As already mentioned, Monday and Tuesday are our new days for P.E. Monday's session will be invasion skills and athletics, led by our sports coaches. Many of these sessions will be outdoors. Please therefore ensure your child has a jumper and jogging bottoms to keep them warm. Our first Tuesday swimming session went brilliantly and the children were really well equipped. Thank you!

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always happy to help! Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Veitch, Mrs Davidson and Mrs Hewitt