

St Paulinus

Year One Autumn Term Newsletter

November 2021

Dear parents,

The children have enjoyed a great first half-term in Year One and have settled back in since our return after the October break .

TOPIC

Our topic work focusses around the question, 'Which is the best material to make a toy?' In Science we are learning about materials and their properties. We will be exploring what familiar objects are made from and why. We have an ongoing science topic of tree identification.

In History we will be learning about traditional toys. We will be learning about changes in living memory by exploring toys throughout history and comparing them to modern day toys. Please talk to your child about your favourite toys and what other relatives used to enjoy too! In Design and Technology, we will be designing a toy that is suitable for a younger child to enjoy playing with, using our knowledge of materials to support this.

MATHS

In Maths we are using a Mastery maths approach to continue to develop our understanding of mathematical concepts linked to addition and subtraction. We are using the part-whole model and bar model to help us understand the concept of addition. In addition to this, we are learning number bonds to 10. We use our knowledge to help us problem solve and explain our answers.

P.E

Our P.E lessons are on a Wednesday and Friday. Please can you send your child into school wearing their P.E kits on these days, including a jumper. Please can you ensure that your child has their hair tied back. Our P.E focusses this half term are Invasion Games skills and Gymnastics—balancing and spinning.

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 continuing to embed our learning of adjectives and we have been using these when writing some firework poetry this week! We will continue to embed our use of punctuation when writing sentences, including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Our focus books will link to superheroes.

READING AND SPELLINGS

Spellings and Reading activities will continue to be handed out via Google Classroom on a Friday. Spellings will still be tested on the following Friday. Please continue to take a photograph of your child's reading activity work and submit it via Google Classroom by the following Thursday. To support your child with their reading, please listen to them daily and write a comment in their reading record book. Thank you for your continued support in sending your child's reading book into school each day.

R.E

Our current topic is 'Belonging' and we are learning about the elements of Baptism and how the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated. Please talk to your child about their Baptism and, if possible, send them into school with photos or objects that represent their Baptism so that we can discuss them next week.

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.

Our first school trip will be to Preston Park Museum on Tuesday 30th November 2021 where we will embed our learning on Traditional Toys!