

St Paulinus

FS2 Autumn Term Newsletter

November 2021

Dear parents,

The children have all settled into FS2 brilliantly and we are all getting used to our new routines. I have included some information which details our learning and topic .

Learning opportunities

This half term we have some fantastic seasonal learning opportunities. We are looking at how Hindus celebrate Diwali around the world. We are learning about Bonfire Night and taking the opportunity to link this to Art and new vocabulary. We are taking a lot of our learning from the Seasons and will be exploring Autumn and Winter. We are hoping to take the children on a trip to our local woodland to develop this learning.

Maths

In maths we are continuing to develop our number sense by taking a number each week and exploring it. We are learning to recognise the number, write it, subitise and develop our understanding of different numbers within each number. This forms the beginning of addition and subtraction. We are also focusing on counting

PE

Much of our PE takes place in our outdoor learning environment where we have many opportunities to develop both fine and gross motor skills. We are encouraging the children to create assault courses and create large scale art to develop gross motor skills and we are using a range of art materials including chalk and fine paint brushes to develop fine motor skills. On Friday we have a Yoga class which the children love.

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

Mrs Turner, Miss Murray and Mrs Brown.

English

Much of our learning is inspired by books and this half term our key stories are Percy the Park Keeper 'After the storm, 'Stick Man 'and 'The Christmas Story'. We are focusing on correct letter formation and beginning to write a simple sentence. As we learn new sounds we are also encouraging the children to use these in their independent writing.

Phonics and Reading

The children have now been given their reading books. Please can I ask that they read this to you every night and as they become more confident encourage comprehension by discussing the characters and the story. We are aiming for fluency with these books so if your child can easily read the book then that is a good thing. The books are in line with their phonic knowledge and their ability to blend. The children will be regularly assessed on their phonic knowledge and this information shared with you.

R.E

This term our focus Welcome where we learn about baptism followed by Birthday where we learn about Advent and prepare for Christmas.

General

As we continue to use our outdoor learning environment this half term on a daily basis, often for extended periods of time, can I ask that you send your child to school suitably dressed for the weather. They need a warm, waterproof coat, hat and gloves. It can be cold in the classroom as we often have the door open so I would also suggest that jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt might be more suitable for the girls over winter rather than leggings and cardigans.