

# St Paulinus

## Nursery Autumn 2 Term Newsletter

November 2021

Dear parents,

We have really enjoyed listening to all the exciting things your children have experienced during the half term holidays. It has been great to see little routines established before the break being remembered and continued!

### Learning opportunities

This half term we will start to look at the seasonal celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children will explore these celebrations through art and will hopefully develop new knowledge and vocabulary.

We will continue to look at the seasonal changes through Autumn to Winter.

Colour is another focus. Much of our learning is inspired by books and this half term our key stories are Elmer, Peace at Last and Mixed up Chameleon.

We will end with the Christmas Story.

We have a few key dates to share. It is Maths Week next week and the focus is shape. Nursery Rhyme Week is the following week and we will be having a dressing up day on November 18th. Your child may come dressed as a nursery rhyme character. How exciting!

### School trip

We have booked a trip to the ARC in Stockton to watch a Christmas show. The date is December 14th. We will send out more information closer to the time in relation to timings and costing. We cannot wait; the children will love it.

### P.E

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 have lots of play equipment and we help the children to create assault courses. We also encourage lots of large scale art to develop gross motor skills.

The children also experience a weekly yoga/ PE session every Friday. The children really love this.

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

Miss Mallam and Mrs Ellis.

### Blast

We have started a language programme and your child will take part in it this year. Blast is a complete package designed to enhance and enrich the speech, language and communication skills of 3-4 year old children. The aim of the sessions are to build up children's pre-linguistic skills such as attention, listening, speech, sound awareness and story awareness. Blast stands for Boosting Language Auditory Skills and Talking. It is a 6 week programme and the children work in a group of six. Through daily 20 minute sessions, it teaches listening, memory, turn taking and group work. Some children have already had a taster session this week. We will inform you next week if your child will be in the first groups before Christmas. There will be one group for the morning nursery class and one for the afternoon children.

### R.E

Our current focus is Welcome where we learn about baptism, followed by Birthdays where we learn about Advent and how we prepare for Christmas.

### General

As we continue to use the outdoor learning environment on a daily basis, it would be really useful if the children all had waterproof trousers or a waterproof suit that can stay in school. Hats and gloves and a warm, waterproof coat are essential now. It can be cold in the classroom as we often have the door open so the children can now bring a fleece jacket and/or gillet in to wear. I would also suggest that jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt might be more suitable for the girls over winter rather than leggings and cardigans.