

St Paulinus

Year Four Spring Term Newsletter

January 2022

Dear parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year! Thank you so much for your generous gifts, I'm really touched by your kindness. We are well under way with our new topics and the children have made a brilliant start to the New Year. It is so heartening to see them blossom in both ability and maturity.

TOPIC

We begin the New Year with a History based topic - The Romans. This exciting topic lends itself to a wide variety of activities across the curriculum. We plan to embed the children's learning by having a Romans day at the end of the half term. Details of this will follow shortly. After the half term, we will have a Science based topic all about the use of electricity.

MATHS

We will be learning once again about the four operations (+ - x ÷) and how to use these to solve problems. New learning for this half term will involve division using the bus stop method, column multiplication fractions and decimals! Our work in these topics is underpinned by times tables knowledge so as always, the more practise you can do at home, the better.

R.E

Our topics this term are Community, Giving & Receiving and Self Discipline. At home, please talk about all the communities you are involved in. See RE newsletter for more information.

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.

ENGLISH

This half term, we are continuing to focus on use of commas to separate clauses and encouraging children to use a variety of sentence openers in their writing. Our first unit of writing is around the short video The Dream Giver; from which we will build some fantasy writing. We will then be writing some persuasive letters to Queen Boudicca followed by some free verse to tell her incredible story.

HOMEWORK

Please continue to read with your child every day. 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

PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. **Next week and the following week only, we will have swimming on a Tuesday.** After that our sessions will be based on Romans dance and badminton.

Please ensure that children have a jumper of some description as many of our sessions will be outside..

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