

# St Paulinus

## Year One Spring Term Newsletter

January 2022

Dear parents,

The children have settled back in wonderfully since returning after our festive break. We have already started some wonderful learning around our topic about London past and present.

### TOPIC

Our topic work focusses around the question 'Would you prefer to live now or at the time of the Great Fire of London?' We are focussing on researching information about London and its landmarks, understanding the changes to London over time and to learn about significant figures who have made a contribution to national achievements over time. The Great Fire of London will form part of this learning. In Geography we are using an atlas to locate the countries of the United Kingdom, name their capital cities and the surrounding seas. In Science we are investigating the properties of materials. We have an ongoing science topic of tree identification.

### 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 learning about place value and what a number is made up of (tens and ones), using equipment to support our learning. Our knowledge of the 10 times table will support this learning. Please can you continue to practise counting backwards with your children from 100 to 0.

### P.E

Our P.E lessons are on a Tuesday and a Thursday. 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 Dance and Gymnastics—Pathways small and long. Please can your child wear trainers that they can independently fasten.

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 will be focussing on writing a non-chronological report about London. We will continue to develop our poetry skills and learn how to write instructions. We will continue to embed our use of punctuation when writing sentences, including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Please can you support your child to use our pre-cursive handwriting style in any writing.

### READING AND SPELLINGS

Spellings will continue to be handed out via Google Classroom on a Friday. Spellings will still be tested on the following Friday. To support your child with their reading, please listen to them daily and write a comment in their reading record book. In our phonics sessions we are learning phase 5 sounds.

### R.E

Our current topic is 'Special People'. We will be discussing special people that we know. This will be followed by learning about The Presentation of Jesus.

### 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.

Your child will receive some maths homework alongside their spellings homework. This can be handed in via Google Classroom by the following Thursday.

Please can you ensure that your child has their bookbag and reading record in school everyday. Please can you also make sure that your child is wearing their tie as part of their school uniform. Please speak with Miss Keegan if you need to purchase a bookbag or tie.