



St Paulinus



YEAR 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to you all! Firstly, we would like to start by saying a huge thank you for all of the warm wishes, cards and gifts we received last half term. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your lovely families.

Maths This half term, we will be developing our understanding of multiplication and division and the application of these skills. It is also now time to start really focusing on times tables. It is expected that by the end of Year 2 children are confident in their recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children need to know the multiplication and corresponding division facts for these tables. Any support you can offer at home with times tables will be valuable in helping your child to master this very important mathematical skill. Thank you.



English In English, we are starting the half term with some beautiful calligram poems all about arctic animals. This will be an opportunity to develop children's imaginative vocabulary. We are then going to be writing non-chronological reports about polar bears. To begin, the children will refine their research skills and practise the vital reading techniques of skimming and scanning to find out important information about these creatures. We have some beautiful non-fiction texts about arctic animals to inspire their learning. We will then focus on the different text and language features of a report in order to write their own.

This half term, our class story is, 'The Tindims of Rubbish Island.' It is an exciting adventure story with an important underlying message about protecting our planet.



RE This half term, our first topic 'Books' will enable us to learn about the importance of the many different books containing the treasured word of God and how they are used by the parish family in Church. We will then move on to our Eucharist topic, a special time for saying thank you to God.

PE PE lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** each week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

This half term, we will continue to refine skills in Gymnastics on Wednesdays and on a Monday, we will have the opportunity to work with our fantastic PE coaches.

General Can we politely ask you to ensure all items of clothing are labelled – we have several lost property jumpers and cardigans.

Please can we also ask that children bring a water bottle to school with them each day.

Topic For our topic work this half term, we will explore the question, 'How would you live in the Polar Lands?' Here are just some of the exciting activities we have in store to support our learning...

In Geography, we will be using our map reading skills to identify the countries of the Arctic Circle. We will learn about the physical features of these magnificent landscapes and the incredible explorers who have visited these lands. We will also look at the devastating impact of global warming on our precious poles.

In Science, we will be researching polar animals looking particularly at their habitats and food chains. We will be looking at the ways animals are adapted to their extreme environment. We also have lots of exciting science investigations to look forward to including ice balloons and testing blubber!

In DT and Construction, the children will be designing and constructing their own husky shed and ice vehicle. In Art, we will be practising colour mixing and different brush strokes to create a wintery landscape painting in the style of the impressionism movement.

Reading and Homework



Please continue to read regularly with your child and ensure that their reading record is signed. Please encourage your child to complete regular reading menu activities in order to support their reading comprehension skills.

This half term, your child will receive a **weekly maths task** to support them in learning their times tables. This should be completed and uploaded to Google Classroom by **Wednesday** each week.

Once again, each **Friday** your child will receive a list of spellings and they will be tested the following **Thursday**. If you have any concerns or questions about homework, please do contact us.

Thank you so much for all of your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.



Take care,

The Year Two Team