

# St Paulinus

## FS2 Spring Term Newsletter

January 2022

Dear parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that you and your families are well. We are really excited to start a new year with the children .

### Learning opportunities

This half term we have some fantastic seasonal learning opportunities. We are looking at how Chinese New year is celebrated. We are learning about the Polar regions beginning with the Arctic followed by the Antarctic. We are learning about where these areas are on the globe, the weather conditions and the animals that live in these environments. We are also looking at significant explorers linked to these areas.

### 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 and securing 1:1 correspondence.

### 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 Lost and Found, Polar bear, Polar Bear and The Snow Queen. 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. We are also learning digraphs in our phonics.

### Phonics and Reading

The children continue to progress 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 is Celebration where we learn about how the church celebrates followed by Gathering where we learn about the Eucharist.

### 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.