

# St Paulinus

## Year Four Summer Term Newsletter

September 2022

### Welcome Back!

A big hello to those of you I have not yet met in person and welcome to a new school year. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. The children have shared lots of their lovely experiences and it's been a pleasure to get to know them. I have been so impressed with the way they have settled back after such a long break, and how they have adapted so well to further change. They have tackled our work so far with boundless enthusiasm and I feel extremely optimistic about the year ahead.

### MATHS

Our maths this year has begun with looking at place value. This involves knowing which is the thousands, hundreds, tens and units digit, ordering numbers, finding 1000 more and less and rounding. We continue to encourage the children to work with a range of manipulatives to support this and to work on using problem solving and reasoning in every session. During the course of year 4, it is expected that children will know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and corresponding division facts. Therefore, any extra practise you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

### Foundation Subjects

Our school have embarked on an exciting new curriculum which sees the end of over arching topics and instead, blocked focus on one foundation subject at a time. This half term, these will be;

- Art: Still life drawing
- Design and Technology- Food and nutrition
- History: Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons and Scots.
- Geography: An introduction to Rivers

### R.E

Our topics this half term are People and Called. People reflects on the significance of Jesus' family and where we all come from. Our Called topic reflects on how we are all called to serve.

### GENERAL

Please make sure water bottles come to school every day and that your child's clothing has been labelled with their name as we have had several mystery items. Can you also remind children not to bring any items to school other than water bottles, reading books and ipads as some additional items are creeping in and causing a bit of a distraction to some. Thank you for your support and remembering as much as you do!

### ENGLISH

This half term, our writing theme begins with Adventure texts. These will be based around a short story called The Witch in the Woods. Our SPAG focus will be on speech, fronted adverbials and past tense. We then move on to news reports and poetry. Our reading work will be based around the Dick-King Smith novel The Queen's nose.

### 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. We have now moved to a new spelling scheme which focuses on a new set of words each fortnight. These will be worked on daily in class. Our work will not involve a weekly test but children will sometimes have an activity to complete at home. These should be returned to school on a Monday. Please also encourage your child to spend at least 20 minutes a week on doodle English and Maths as this really helps them to keep brushed up on basic skills. We encourage a little and often approach to this.

### P.E

PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. This half term we will be focusing on Yoga and Hockey. As they did last year, children should arrive in school wearing their kits on these days. We recommend jogging bottoms and sweatshirts during the winter months as we try to do as much outdoor sport as possible. Please make sure earrings are removed and long hair is tied back.

The children have returned to school happy, keen to work and with a wonderful attitude. This is testament to your continued support and is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by ringing the office. I will be happy to return phone calls or email as promptly as possible. Kind Regards Mrs Veitch