

St Paulinus

Year One Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2022

Dear parents,

The children have all settled into Year One brilliantly and we are all getting used to our new routines. I have included some information which details our learning.

CUSP Curriculum

We are excited to be following the CUSP Curriculum this year. We have already enjoyed developing our drawing skills in art lessons, exploring different media and mark making. We have applied our learning to draw a picture of an animal. Our Science learning will focus on seasons, weather and change, considering the questions: what are they four seasons?, What is the weather like in each season? And why does day become night? We will also learn about common wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees. This will include naming them and identifying their structure, In Design and Technology, our skill focus is linked to mechanisms where we will be learning about slider mechanisms and choosing the most appropriate one to make a picture move. Our history focus is centred around our community and changes within living memory, with a focus on shops.

MATHS

In Maths we are using a Mastery approach to continue to develop our understanding of mathematical concepts linked to number and place value. We will be focussing on counting objects carefully, comparing objects, understanding greater than, less than and equal to. We will use our knowledge to help us problem solve and explain our answers.

P.E

Our P.E lessons are on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please can you send your child into school wearing their P.E kits on these days. For this half term our Wednesday session we will be Yoga and our Thursday session will be led by a member of staff from NPCAT Sport with a focus on fundamental skills. Please can you ensure that, if your child's hair is long enough, it is tied back and their earrings are removed (if they can be) or taped up.

ENGLISH

In English we are focussing on sentence composition. This involves orally rehearsing sentences before writing them. This also includes using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be starting to learn how to form letters using a pre-cursive style of handwriting.

HOMEWORK

Reading and phonics are an important aspect of your child's learning. Please listen to your child read their school reading book daily and ensure they bring their book back to school each day. Book change days will be on Monday and Thursday. Listening to your child read their school book more than once enables them to develop fluency in their reading, which encourages them to develop and use their prosody and comprehension skills. On a Friday, your child will bring home some information regarding their phonics learning from that week, which you can continue to embed with them at home. On occasions, your child will receive some maths homework, which will be sent out via google classroom.

R.E

Our first topic is 'Families' and we are thinking about our own family as well as the family of God.

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. Please send your child with a water bottle each day. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.