



St Paulinus



YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 2! We start by wishing you all a happy new school year. The children have made an impressive start and left us feeling very excited about the year ahead.

In Year 2 we have two class teachers: Mrs Gresham is in class Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Watson is in class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We also have lovely Mrs Milner working with us throughout the week. We would like to take this opportunity to explain some of the gorgeous things your children can expect this term...



English In English writing sessions, we are beginning the year focusing on retelling a simple narrative. We will be looking closely at the children's use of pronouns, third person voice as well as consistent use of capital letters and full stops. By the end of this unit, children will have written their own simple narrative following a basic story structure. In our reading sessions, we will be reading the books, Grandad's Island; The Goose that laid the Golden Eggs and Mrs Noah's Pockets. Through exploration of these books, the children will develop their ability to make sensible predictions; retrieve information and infer details.



Maths We are beginning the year with place value. The children will use practical equipment to support their understanding of tens and ones and gain a secure knowledge of numbers up to 100. We will be looking at writing numbers in numerals and words and later in the half term, we will be focusing on strategies for comparing and ordering numbers.

RE This half term, we have the topic, 'Beginnings'. During this topic, the children will explore the theme of family- the love and care they bring and God's love and care for every family. The children will also be introduced to the scriptures related to this topic.

PE PE lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** each week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. This half term, we will be looking at yoga and fundamental movement skills.

Polite reminder: Please can we remind you that if your child wears earrings, they must be removed on PE days or covered in tape before coming into school. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

General Can we politely ask you to ensure all items of clothing are labelled – we have several lost property jumpers and cardigans already! Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.



Foundation Subjects

We have been very excited to start the year off with a gorgeous series of art lessons. The children have been enjoying exploring a range of mark making techniques. Over the next couple of days, the children will be using a range of expressive marks to represent mood and movement in response to a piece of music. We can't wait to share the finished masterpieces with you!

Next, we are exploring the science topic of living things and their habitats. We will be looking at the common characteristics of living things and how they are suited to their habitat. We will also look at the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other with a focus on food chains.

Later in the term, as part of our DT work, pupils will learn how to create a simple patchwork by repurposing clothing to create something practical and useful. They will develop their skills using a needle and thread.

Finally, we will end the half term, with history where we will build upon children's learning from Year 1 and delve deeper into the events of the Great Fire of London.

We have lots to keep us busy but we can't wait to see how the children respond to these tasks over the next couple of months. We are confident that they are going to continue to impress!



Reading Your child received their first Y2 reading book last week. In Year 2, we ask that you aim to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week. Also, please sign their reading record every time you listen to them read so that we can not only keep track of their reading progress but also support children in achieving a reading certificate when they reach 50 reads. Books will be changed on a Monday and Wednesday and we encourage children to read the books more than once so they can enjoy the fluency of their reading and focus on their comprehension skills.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Mrs Milner or Miss Ashwell will also be on the door on a morning to answer or pass on any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Take care,
The Year Two Team