

St Paulinus

FS2 Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear parents,

The children have all settled into FS2 brilliantly and we are all getting used to our new routines. I have included some information which details our learning and topic .

Learning opportunities This half term we have some fantastic seasonal learning opportunities. We are looking at harvest and how things grow, beginning with our wonderful apple trees in the outdoor area. We are taking a lot of our learning from the Seasons and will be exploring Autumn. We are hoping to take the children on a trip to our local woodland to develop this learning. We are in the process of buying a greenhouse with the money raised from our afternoon tea. If you have any seeds, bulbs or small plants which we could nurture we would be very grateful.

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. Please make sure your children come to school in jogging bottoms and sweatshirts rather than leggings and cardigans. These are much more practical for our outdoor learning as the weather turns colder. All uniform should be navy, not black.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support. Mrs Turner and Miss Murray.

English

Much of our learning is inspired by books and this half term our key stories are 'The tiger who came to tea', 'The three little pigs', and 'After the storm.' We are securing pen hold and name writing with the children, as well as accurate formation of the letters in their name. We are also encouraging them to mark make and will hopefully see letters that are learnt in phonics coming into independent writing.

Phonics and Reading We have started our phonics lessons and the children are learning a new letter a day. When they have secured these letters and begun to blend the letters to make a word we will give them a simple reading book to read at home. In order to prepare the children to read a book with you at home they will initially get a book without words. With this book we would ask you to go through the principles of reading a book, starting with the front cover, page turning in order and retelling the story, initially by looking at the pictures. When they have secured the initial set of letters and attempt blending we will send the book with words.

R.E This term our focus what makes us precious where we are looking at our families and our family names. It would be lovely if you could send in a member of your family for your child to share with the class.

General The pound fund continues! We have a pot for the weekly pound fund contributions for ongoing projects like cooking, gardening as well as providing seasonal resources.. Your contributions would be most welcome. 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 waterproof coat and wellingtons to keep in school.