



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



April 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break.

Our Theme:

Our theme this term will be '**God's Big Beautiful World**'. This half term we shall be focusing on different habitats, the animal and plant life that can be found there and how human activity impacts on these environments.



We shall be using maps and atlases to locate different places around the world and shall be watching time-lapse videos and webcams to see these places in action.

Drama Workshop:

To support our learning about jungles, we have invited a drama group into school on Wednesday 25th April to work with the children.



During the workshop the children will participate in a number of drama, music and dance activities based on a well-known story.

Under the Sea Dress Up Day:

On Friday 25th May we shall be holding a special under the sea themed dress up day for Reception. The children are invited to come into school dressed up as a sea themed character e.g. mermaid, sea creature, underwater explorer.

Walk to School Week and Be Wise on Wheels:

During the week of the 21st May the children shall be taking part in the School's Walk to School Week. During this week the children will take part in a number of activities designed to support their awareness of road safety. There will also be a punctuality and attendance competition across the school.



On Tuesday 22nd May the children are invited to bring their bikes or scooters into school as part of the Be Wise on Wheels Day. More details will follow shortly.

Class Photographs:

On Wednesday 2nd May the children will have their photograph taken alongside their classmates. Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform. This photograph will be available for you to buy online at a later date.

Reading Books and Homework:

We shall continue to send home 2 reading scheme books and a library book chosen by your child each week. Please ensure you sign the reading log so that we know your child has read at home. Book bags are collected in on **Monday** and returned on Tuesday. Unfortunately we cannot change book bags brought in after this.



This half term we shall be having a big push on the 'tricky' words (words which cannot be decoded). A list of these words can be found attached to this newsletter for you to practice at home with your child.

We shall be sending home the next homework menu at the end of the week along with a set of phonics handouts for you to complete at home. A big 'thank you' to all who have completed homework activities and emailed them in. Please ensure you address your emails to your class teacher so that the office knows where to direct them.

Clothing and PE Kits:

As we move into the summer term we are hoping to see some more sunshine. With this in mind we thought we would take this opportunity to ask you to ensure that your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing. It is important that they have their coats with them everyday and that they are wearing appropriate footwear.



Please ensure that **all** items of your child's clothing are clearly labelled with their name.

PE sessions will take place on Monday for RB and Friday for RR. Please ensure all items of jewellery are removed on these days. The children should have their PE kits in school everyday.

Dates for your Diaries:

- Wednesday 25th April – Jungle Drama Workshop
- Wednesday 2nd May – Class Photographs
- 21st- 25th May – Walk to School Week
- Tuesday 22nd May – Be Wise on Wheels Day
- Friday 25th May – Under the Sea Dress Up Day
- 28th May – 1st June – Half Term Holiday
- Monday 4th June – Return to School
- Friday 15th June – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Please speak to a member of the Reception Team if you require any further information.



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