



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



November 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope that you have all had a restful break and are ready for a great half term in the lead up to Christmas. The children made a great start to the year so far! Attached to this letter please find a copy of Year 1's curriculum plan outlining what the children will be learning about in the second part of the Autumn Term.

Reading

The books will be changed once a week. Book bags will stay in school the night they are changed

- In **1SV book bags need to be in on a Tuesday** and new books will be sent home on a Wednesday.
- In **1LV book bags need to be in on a Thursday** and will be sent home Friday.

If the books are not in, or not signed, on the correct day, unfortunately we cannot change them that week.

In your child's book bag you will find three Oxford Reading Tree books, a Library book and a Reading log. Children do not need to rush to finish all their books.

Once you have read with your child, please record it in the Reading Log. Please to comment on how your child read, such as expression, comprehension etc.

Here are some ideas to discuss after reading:

- What happened in the story?
- What was their favourite part? Why?
- Who was their favourite character? Why?
- Would they change any of the story? Why?

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen. This is something for you to **read and enjoy** together – We are not expecting children to read their library books independently.

P.E

P.E will be on a Wednesday and Thursday for 1LV. For the first 5 weeks of this half term PE will be Tuesday and Friday for 1SV, then it will return to Tuesdays and Wednesday. Children need to be dressed appropriately in a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls (No trainers please). As the weather is getting colder, each child needs to have a long **tracksuit** (in a dark colour) to keep them warm. On these days, please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back, and that **earrings are removed** as our school policy states that we are unable to allow children wearing earrings to participate in PE lessons for safety reasons.

Please ensure all of your child's **PE kit is named**.

Homework

Year 1 get Maths and English homework weekly. They are to complete a page each week - following the timetable that can be found attached to the inside of each of the books. We will be handing out the homework on a Thursday and will collect it back in on a Monday. Book bags should be in school every day.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell provides an opportunity for children to practise public speaking, effective listening and questioning skills and to expand their concentration. We will be doing Show and Tell on a **Friday in both classes**. We will let the children know when their slot for Show and Tell is (it is a different group's turn every week).

Collecting your child

If your child is going to be collected by someone else (a friend, relative or another child's parent), it is **essential** that the school knows about this beforehand, either by sending a note to me, or if your circumstances change during the day, then contacting the school office – **020 8560 3297**. If we know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.30pm becomes a lot quicker and easier.

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.

If you do need to speak to us at any time, please come and talk to us at the end of the school day. You can also write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

We look forward to continuing to work with you and seeing your child(ren) grow and develop!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Volossevich and Miss Vanos

