



St Paul's Year 5 Newsletter



February 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for another half term. We hope you had a chance to rest and recharge over the break. We have a busy time ahead this half term with some exciting events and learning opportunities.

Our Learning This Term

This half term in Topic we will be learning about Oceans. The children will explore oceans and seas around the world and find out what can be found in the depths of our oceans.

The children always show a lot of enthusiasm for Topic so we are sure this will be no different. Please do continue to encourage your child to show curiosity about the subject and to search for their own answers at home.

Reading

Please remind your child to read independently and where possible with someone else. We understand it can be difficult for the children to muster enthusiasm to read sometimes so please do speak to their class teacher if you are having any issues with this. Support can also be found on the class web page in a document called 'Helping your child to learn at home'.

Your child should be filling in their reading log regularly with books from home and school. These logs will now be taken in regularly (on different days for different classes) by the class teacher to be checked. Reading logs should be brought in every day so children can update them during any independent reading.

It is your child's responsibility to change their books when they have been completed and to choose a replacement from the class library. We like to see children exploring a wide variety of genres and authors both at school and at home.

Supporting your child at home

You can find some suggested websites with age appropriate games and learning tools that your child may want to try out to support their Maths at home, on our class webpage. Please be aware that the links are external so we cannot guarantee their content or what devices they will work on. Please speak to one of us if you find a link is broken or unsuitable.

PE

All earrings and jewellery should be removed on PE days. We also ask children to remove any watches or 'FitBits' so they do not get damaged. PE kits will be kept in school and will go home at the end of each half term to be washed. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled so items are not lost or misplaced.

Both Year 5 classes will be doing Hockey in our longer sessions, usually outside. Children should bring a plain, dark sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for these lessons in case of cold, alongside their usual PE kit. Please also send a pair of trainers as well as plimsolls.

Homework

We will be continuing to send Literacy and Numeracy homework home. This will usually be given by your child's Maths and English group teachers and the children will be told when this homework is due in.

Trips

The next provisional trip for Years 5 and 6 is a visit to the Tate Britain. More information about this visits will be shared soon.

Dates to remember

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair- March 2018

A letter will be sent home very soon and we hope it will be as popular as last year. There will be some new and familiar titles available to buy.

World Book Day- Thursday 1st March 2018

Always a fantastic day in the school calendar, we will be encouraging children to dress up as their favourite character and exploring books in class. More information will be sent home soon.

Parents' Evenings- Monday 12th March, Tuesday 13th March 2018

(Taking place on the Alexandra House Site)

We are available briefly at the end of each school day and can also be contacted via the school email which is: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk
Please come and speak to us if you have any queries.

Thank you,
Mrs Little and Miss James.