



St Paul's Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



September 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back!

We hope you and your children had a restful but exciting summer. We are looking forward to an new term. Please do come and introduce yourself. We will be available at the end of each day when we dismiss our classes and can be contacted via the school email, which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Our Learning this term:

Please see the Curriculum Overview for more details.

In topic this half-term we will be learning all about the lives of Children during World War Two. We will look in detail at The Blitz, Evacuation and Rationing, and it will be especially exciting when the children construct and test their own model bomb shelters.



Parent Helpers:

We heavily rely on parental support for school trips and sporting activities. This year we are hoping to start a Reading Team in which it is hoped that Parents and Helpers can aid children in the choosing and recording of Reading Books.

Your time and help is always greatly appreciated.



English and Maths:

In Year 5 and 6 we group the children for English and Maths. This has been a very successful process over a number of years, and the children really appreciate the extra attention. They are grouped carefully with regards to their individual needs, and adjustments to each group will be made when necessary.

Reading Books:

We encourage children in year 5 and 6 to read for at least 20 minutes each day. It is important that children become fluent readers. We are continuing with the Book Passport this year. We have selected 9 books that we hope all children will read by the end of the year. Please encourage your child to talk about the material they are reading.



Times tables and Spelling

The National Curriculum has the expectation that all children should know their times tables and related division facts up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Please continue to support your child in learning the multiplication tables.

The National Curriculum also has an expectation that all children will know key spellings by the end of Year 6. Your child will be given words to learn each month, and there will be monthly and termly tests for these key words. It is an expectation that all children will know these words, and that they will also use them in their written work.

Clothing:

Please ensure your child comes to school smartly dressed in full uniform each day. Children should always wear full school uniform for school trips unless otherwise directed by their class teacher.

PE:

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school for the start of each half term. For indoor PE children must wear plimsolls. Trainers should be worn for outdoor PE. Earrings must not be worn for PE. Pupils must be able to remove earrings independently.

Educational Visits:

This term we plan to visit The Imperial War Museum in early November. The Year 6 residential journey to Sayers Croft will be from the 20th to 24th of November.

Mr Lacy, Mrs McLellan and Mr Murray