



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



October 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting half term in Reception!

This half term's theme:

Our theme this half term will be **We are celebrating!** Over the course of the half term, we shall be learning about different celebrations including Diwali, birthdays, weddings and Christmas.



We shall be reading a selection of stories and learning about different traditions and sampling different foods. A copy of this half term's overview is attached to this newsletter.

Drawing Club:

This half term we shall be starting a new project called Drawing Club. Each week the children will explore a story, traditional tale or a film clip and will use it as the starting point for a piece of writing.



The focus of each week's drawing club and vocabulary is now on the half termly overview. If you have any questions please ask.

Phonics:

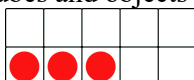
The children are doing amazingly well in phonics lessons and are becoming increasingly confident blending words for both reading and writing.



This half term we shall complete the set one sounds. We shall then assess the children's progress and allocate them a particular group. A letter will be sent home once this is completed which will explain which group your child is in and the focus.

Maths:

In Maths lessons we shall continue to work on the number bonds to 5 and will be exploring height, length and weight. The children will be using non-standard measures such as cubes and objects to measure items.



In lessons, we use tens frames and part whole models to show the children the make-up of different numbers and how numbers can be made in different ways. You may wish to use these when completing the maths homework with your child.

Reading Books:

We shall continue to collect in reading books and reading logs on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that you are signing and commenting in your child's reading log each week.



Each week your child will have an opportunity to read with one of the adults in the setting so please ensure that your child has their reading log in school every day.

Homework:

Phonics and Maths home will continue to be set on **Friday** and should be returned by Wednesday. Please try to support your child by saying the handwriting phrase with them as they practice the letter formation.

PE:

PE lessons take place on **Friday** morning. This half term we shall be focusing on core skills and movement, whilst we continue to develop our confidence in the main hall. As we move further into the year it would be helpful if you could help your child to practice putting on and taking off their socks/ tights on their own.

Christmas Trip:

We are very excited to tell you that we have booked a visit to Waterman's Theatre to watch their Christmas Show 'Pixie and the Pudding' on **8th December**. We shall send home a letter with more information shortly.



Nativity Performance:

This year, Nursery and Reception will be joining together to perform the Christmas Nativity on Friday **15th December at 10am**. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Dates for your diaries:

- 31st October & 1st November – Parents Evenings
- 9th November – Remembrance Service
- 8th December – Waterman's visit
- 14th December – Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
- 15th December – Nativity performance at 10am
- 18th December – Christmas Lunch
- 19th December – Reception Christmas Party
- 21st December – Last day and finish at 1:30pm

Please check the School Website and the Friday Roundup for further information.

Mrs Riley and Mrs Ezame