



# St Paul's Reception Newsletter



February 2024

Dear Parents and Children,  
Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term and are ready for another action packed half term.

### This half term's Theme:

Our theme this half term will be **Water**. The children have identified a series of questions that we will use to develop their understanding of different scientific concepts including the water cycle and life cycles.



Please see the curriculum overview for further information on what will be covered.

We will be focusing on the numbers 6, 7 and 8 in our maths lessons and will be thinking about the different ways we can make these numbers (number bonds). We shall be introducing the concept of odd and even and will continue our work on shapes and in particular 3d shapes.

In phonics we shall be focusing on the diagraphs in the Read Write Inc set 2 pack. Diagraphs are two letters which join together to make one sound (we call them special friends!).



Please continue to support your child at home by reading a wide variety of books regularly and by encouraging them to use their phonic knowledge to decode words when reading and writing.

### Reading Books and Homework:

We shall continue to collect reading books in on **Wednesday** and return them on Thursday. Please ensure that you sign the red reading log so that we know your child has read with you at home.



Homework will be sent home on **Friday** and should be returned the following Tuesday. Homework consists of:

- A phonics activity linked their reading book
- A phonics sheet based on the sound taught that week
- A maths activity linked to their learning in class

### PE:

This half term we shall have PE on **Friday** morning. We shall be focusing on dance and will be developing a sequence of movements in time to music.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and that earrings have been removed. As we are doing dance they will need:

- Black shorts and a white t-shirt
- **No leggings or tracksuit bottoms please.**

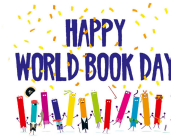
### Parents Evening:

Our Spring Term Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Confirmation of your appointment will be sent home shortly. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

**Please note that the evening Parents Meetings will be held in the Alexander House Hall.**

### World Book Day:

We shall be taking part in the School's World Book Day Celebrations, which will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. On this day children may come into school dressed as their favourite book character.



Lots of ideas and costumes can be found online and on the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com>

### Trip to Kew Gardens:

We will be taking the children to Kew Gardens on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March as part of our learning about water. The children will be travelling there by bus and will spend the day exploring the different plant life.

More details will be sent home shortly.

### Clothing:

As the weather is likely to be very changeable in the next few weeks, please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed and that a spare set of clothes are kept in school in case of emergencies.

Children may come to school in wellies when it is wet. They should bring their school shoes in a bag so we can change them.



**ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE LABELLED!**

### Dates for your diaries:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evenings  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Reading Week  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 1 & 2 Easter Service at St Paul's Church  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term. Finish at 1:30pm  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school



Please speak to a member of the team if you have any further questions or queries.

Mrs Riley and Mrs Ezame