



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



June 2022

Dear Parents and Children,
Welcome back to our last term in Reception! We hope you had an enjoyable half term. This half term is going to be action packed, with lots of events planned and in the process of being planned.

This half term's Theme:

Our theme this half term will be **Around the World**. Each week we will focus on a different area of the world, identifying the countries that make up the area and looking at the physical landscape and what it is like to live there. We shall be reading a lot of stories about different countries, people and animals found in different regions.



As part of our learning, we shall be taking part in the Flat Stanley project. This is a great project which involves the children sending a Flat Stanley to a member of their family, who then sends it back to them with a picture of where they live. More information will be sent home at the end of the week.

An overview of the half term is attached to this newsletter for your information.

Reading Books and Homework:

Thank you for all of your support as we update and change the way we send home reading books. Below is a reminder on the new procedures.

Reading with an adult:

Your child will have been allocated a day that they will read with an adult. On this day they should bring in their red reading logs so that we can make a comment on their reading.

If you cannot find the letters with your child's identified reading day, please speak to a member of the Reception Team.

Phonics Books and Practice Books:

Each week we will send home two books for your child to read to you. The first book will be a phonics book linked to the phonics lessons we have taught that week. These are called 'Book Bag Books'.

The second book is their practice book which will be from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Please encourage your child to read this book to you.

Please ensure you sign and comment in the reading log every week so we know your child has read.

Library Books:

The third book we send home will be a library book. This is a book that your child has chosen for you to read to them. Please encourage them to talk about what is happening in the story and why.

Homework:

We shall continue to send home a weekly homework sheet

for your child to complete. Please encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to complete the sentences. In school, we encourage the children to say the sentence aloud several times before they write, so that they can hear the order of the words.

Reading books and homework will be collected in on **Wednesday** and will be returned on Friday.

PE:

We shall continue to have PE on **Thursday** afternoon.

This half term we shall be focusing on games. We will be focusing on working safely in the available space whilst playing racing and chasing games and will continue to work on our throwing and catching skills.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and that earrings have been removed. They will be unable to participate if they have earrings in. As we are doing ball skills outside when the weather permits, they will need:



- White t-shirt
- Black shorts or dark tracksuit bottoms
- Black plimssoles

No leggings please.

Clothing:

As the weather is so changeable at the moment, please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for all weathers. A coat should be in school every day.

Please can we ask that you check your child's jumper or cardigan and ensure that it is clearly labelled with their name. As much as we try to encourage them to look after their clothing, they will put them down, especially at lunchtime when they are in the big playground, so it's important we can locate and return them quickly.

All children should have a water bottle in school every day.

Getting Ready for Year One:

We will shortly begin to prepare the children for moving into Year One. This will involve them experiencing formal lessons and visiting the Alexandra House Site to see the classrooms and meet the staff. More details will be sent home shortly.

Dates for your diaries:

7th June – Class Photos

10th June – INSET Day School Closed

15th June – Infant Activity Day

21st June – Make Music Day

22nd June – Infant Sports Day (parents welcome to attend)

7th July – Moving into Year One meeting at 3:45pm in Alex House Hall

11th July – Parents Celebration Evening

21st July – School finishes at 1:30pm

The Foundation Stage Team