

# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Summer Term One - April 2024

#### Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and spent time with your family resting. We are preparing for another busy term here in school and have lots of exciting things planned for the children.

# **Half Termly Theme:**

This half term our theme will be: <u>Mythical and Magical</u>. This is a fantastic theme in which the children will explore a range of mythical creatures using well known children's stories and legends.



They will be exploring the past; looking at why castles were originally built and the history of the Royal Family. They will then go on to look at mythical creatures such as monsters and giants. An overview of the half term is attached to this newsletter.

### **Reading Books and Phonics:**

The children are doing amazingly well with their reading and are keen to share stories and talk about story characters in class. This half term we will be focusing on developing their reading further to include the set 2 diagraphs (these were sent home before Easter) and a wider range of tricky words.



Reading books will continue to be collected in on <u>Wednesday</u> and returned on Thursday. Please ensure you sign the reading log each week so we are able to change the books.

#### Maths:

This half term we shall be continuing our work on the number bonds to 10 before moving on to look at numbers to 20. We will be continuing to work on addition and subtraction using a number line and physical objects. We will be continuing to use a tens frame to show the representation of the numbers and will explore the parts of a number using different partwhole models.

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Examples of part whole models:



The websites below have include games you can play with your child:

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=number%20bonds%20to%2020

https://www.mathplayground.com/number\_bonds\_20.html

https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html

#### PE:

This half term our focus in PE will be games. We shall be focusing on the key skills of running in a space, changing direction, aiming and throwing at a target.



PE sessions will take place on <u>Friday</u> morning. As we are doing games, the children will need their PE kit (black shorts, white t-shirt) and a pair of plimsoles or trainers.

#### RE:

This half term in RE we shall be thinking about places that are special, with particular focus on the Church and the Mosque. Please could you send in a photo of place that your child considers special. It could be their bedroom, their home or a place they have visited. Photos can be emailed to the office at office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk Please indicate that it is to be passed to Reception in the subject line.

# Can you help?

Do you have any small boxes, tubes or clean yogurt pots in your recycling? If so, we need them!

# **Dates for your Diary:**

1<sup>st</sup> May – St Paul's STARS – story and rhyme session for parents with children under 3 20<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week

24<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day – children can come into school in their home clothes

27<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term - school closed to pupils

5<sup>th</sup> June – St Paul's STARS – story and rhyme session for parents with children under 3

7<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us at the door.

Best wishes, Mrs Riley and Mrs Ezame

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