



St Paul's Year 5 Newsletter



January 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the first term of 2018! We hope you have had a relaxing yet fun break. Although this is a shorter half term we have a lot planned.

Our Learning This Term:

This half term in Topic we will be learning about The Spice Islands. This topic coincides nicely with our book study in English called 'Shackleton's Journey'. The children will explore what life would have been like on an expedition hundreds of years ago and what might have happened on such an adventure.

Reading:

Please keep encouraging your child to read independently and where possible with someone else. Even as they grow older it is still incredibly valuable for children to share books with others.

Your child should be filling in their reading log regularly with books from home and school. These logs will now be taken in regularly (on different days for different groups of children) by the class teacher to be checked. Therefore, reading logs should be brought in every day so children can update them during any independent reading.

It is your child's responsibility to change their books when they have been completed and to choose a replacement from the class library.

5M Parents' Evening:

Mrs Little will be holding a parents evening for 5M on Monday 22nd January and Tuesday 23rd January. If you wish to meet with me briefly and discuss your child's progress to date then please ensure the form is completed as soon as possible and returned to the school office.

PE:

Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on PE days. PE kits will be kept in school and will go home each half term to be washed. Please label all school uniform and PE kit to avoid items getting misplaced.

Both Year 5 classes will be doing Gymnastics in our longer session so should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts for this, as well as plimsolls.

Homework

We will be continuing to send Literacy and Numeracy homework home. This will usually be given by your child's Maths and English teachers and the children will be told when this homework is due in. Most homework is sent home on a Friday and expected back the following Monday.

Trips

Throughout the year there will be opportunities for the children to go on other educational visits. More information about these visits will be shared closer to the time. The next provisional trip is a visit to the Tate Britain.

We are available briefly at the end of each school day and can also be contacted via the school email which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Please do come and speak to us if you have any queries or concerns.

After a successful start to the year we now carry on with lots of learning and enjoyment. We look forward to continuing to work with you this half term.

Thank you,
Mrs Little, Mrs Cossar and Miss James.