



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



January 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Spring 1!

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for all the Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts. We hope that you all had a restful holiday. Attached to this letter please find a detailed curriculum overview for Spring 1. You will receive a curriculum overview at the beginning of each half term.

Below you will find updated information about the structure of Year 1:

Reading

The books will be changed once a week. Book bags will stay in school the night they are changed

- **In 1SV books need to be in book bags on a Tuesday** and new books will be sent home on Wednesday
- **In LV books need to be in book bags on a Thursday** and will be sent home Friday.

If the books are not in, or not signed, on the correct day, unfortunately we cannot change them that week.

In your child's reading folder you will find three Oxford Reading Tree books, a Library book and a Reading log. Children do not need to rush to finish their library books. Once you have read with your child, please record it in the Reading Log. Please comment on how your child used expression and demonstrated comprehension etc. Here are some ideas for discussion after reading:

- What happened in the story?
- What was your favourite part?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- Would you change any part of the story? Why?

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen. This is something for you to **read and enjoy** together – We are not expecting children to read their library books independently.

P.E

This half term, PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1SV and Wednesdays and Thursdays for 1LV. Children will need long **tracksuits** (in a dark colour) for Tennis lessons and can wear trainers as they are held outside. For our indoor lessons, children will need a white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. On P.E. days, please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back, and that **earrings are removed**. Our school policy states that we are unable to allow children wearing earrings to participate in PE lessons for safety reasons. Please ensure all of your child's PE kit is **labelled with your child's name**.

Homework

Year 1 get Maths and English homework weekly. They are to complete one page of Maths homework each week following the timetable attached to the inside of the book. English homework is sent home as a separate sheet. We will be handing out the homework on a Thursday and will collect it back in on a Monday. Book bags should be in school every day.

Trips

Spring Term

– Kew Gardens (linking with our Africa topic)

This trip will not be until the second half of Spring term – after the half term holiday.

Summer Term

–TBC

More details to follow.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell provides an opportunity for children to practise public speaking, effective listening and questioning skills and to expand their concentration. We will be doing **Show and Tell on a Friday in both classes**. We will let the children know when their slot for Show and Tell is – it is a different group's turn each week.

Collecting your child

If your child is going to be collected by someone else (a friend, relative or another child's parent), it is **essential** that the school knows about this beforehand. You can contact the school office in person or by phone – **020 8560 3297** days prior or on the day if your circumstances happen to change. If we know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.30pm becomes a lot quicker and easier.

If you do need to speak to us at any time, please come and talk to us at the end of the school day. You can also write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. You can email the school office at office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk.

Thank you for a great year so far!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Volossevich and Miss Vanos