



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



February 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Spring 2!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break and are excited to be back! Attached to this letter please find a detailed curriculum overview for Spring 2.

Reading

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 1LV 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 Wednesdays for 1SV and Wednesdays and Thursdays for 1LV. Children will need long **tracksuits** (in a dark colour) and can wear trainers for outdoor lessons. 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**.

Trips

We will be going to Kew Gardens on Friday 23rd March (linking with our Africa Topic) A letter with more information will be sent home shortly.

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.

Show and Tell

We will be doing **Show and Tell on a Friday in both classes**. This term we are asking the children to bring in **something from another country**, if possible.

1SV Show and Tell Schedule:

Friday 23rd Feb: Green
Friday 2nd Mar: Blue
Friday 9th Mar: Red
Friday 16th Mar: Orange
Friday 23rd Mar: No show and tell (Kew Gardens Trip)

1LV Show and Tell Schedule:

Friday 23rd Feb: Leopard Group
Friday 2nd Mar: Ostrich Group
Friday 9th Mar: Giraffe Group
Friday 16th Mar: Lion Group
Friday 23rd Mar: No show and tell (Kew Gardens Trip)

Upcoming Dates

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March – more details to come shortly

Parents' Evenings

Monday 12th March 5pm-7:30 pm
Tuesday 13th March 4pm-6:30 pm
Nearer to the date, forms for scheduling appointments will be sent out.

Last Day of Term

Thursday 29th March (dismissal at 1:30 pm)

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 write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. We are also available at the end of the day for straightforward queries after the children have all been dismissed. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Miss Volossevich and Miss Vanos