



St Paul's Year 2 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for a very busy and hopefully exciting year.

Attached to this letter please find a copy of timetables for 2K and 2V, a curriculum plan for the year, and a more detailed curriculum plan outlining what the children will be learning in the first part of the Autumn Term. You will receive a curriculum overview at the beginning of each half term

Below you will find information about the structure and routines for both Year 2 classes.

Reading

The books will be changed once a week on a Thursday for both classes. The books will need to be in school on these days; they will stay in school overnight and be returned to pupils the following day. It is really important that your child brings their book bag on the correct day as we have a very compact timetable; there is very little time to change books other than on the designated days.

In your child's reading folder you will find three Oxford Reading Tree books, a Library book and a Reading log. If your child is a Free Reader (they are starting to read chapter books), then you may find that they only bring one of these home each week, it will depend on the length of the book.

As you did last year, please comment in your child's Reading Log once they have read their books. This helps us to know that your child is reading and we can then change their books. If your child is a Free Reader, it is not expected that they sit and read the whole book to you, but it is useful if you listen to them read a couple of chapters and then ask them to tell you about the book once they have finished.

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

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen. This is something for you to read together, we know from last year that as the children became more confident with their reading, many of them read their library books to you - this is perfectly ok!

Homework

Children will be given a Maths and an English book. They are to complete a page each week - following the timetable that can be found attached to the inside of each of the books. We will be handing out the homework books on a Friday and will collect them back in on a Monday. This will be the same for both classes.

PE

P.E will be on a Monday and Wednesday for both classes.

Children need to be dressed appropriately in a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls (No trainers please). On these days, please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back, and that earrings are removed as we are unable to do this in school.

Our school policy states that we are unable to allow children wearing earrings to participate in PE lessons for safety reasons.

It is really helpful if all of your child's PE kit is named, they have a tendency to leave their clothes around the room so it makes it easier to reunite the clothes with their owners.

Trips

The trips we have planned will be linked into our Topic work.

Autumn Term - Windsor Castle (Coronations)

Spring Term - Tower of London (London)

Summer Term - Science Museum (Space)

We will send more details of the trips nearer the time.

Birthdays and Invitations

We are happy to acknowledge children's birthdays in school, therefore pupils are permitted to bring in a small bag of sweets for each child in the class.

We do not allow any form of party, cake or party bags to be distributed at the end of the day.

Staff will be unable to hand out invitations where members of the whole class have not been included. We ask that parents distribute invitations in the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Collecting your child

If your child is going to be collected by someone else (a friend, relative or another child's parent), it is really useful if the school knows about this beforehand, either by sending a note to us, or if your circumstances change during the day, then contacting the school office - 020 8560 3297. **Please contact the school office by 2pm at the latest, so that collection alterations can be shared with staff before the end of the school day.** 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. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely
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