



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 exciting year.

Attached to this letter please find a copy of the timetables for 2B 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 **Wednesday for 2V** and on a **Thursday for 2B**. The books your child had the previous week and their Reading Log will need to be in your child's bookbag on these days; it will stay in school overnight and be returned to pupils the following day. Your child is expected to bring their bookbag into school every day. It is especially important that the book bag is in school on book change 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 book bag, 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 they will bring home a chapter book and one picture book. Please note that chapter books can be kept for more than one week.

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 discuss what happened with them.

- 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. Of course, once your child becomes more confident they might read the entire book to you!

Homework

Children will be given a Maths and an English book. They are to complete a page each week - following the timetable inside the front cover. 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. Weekly spelling words will also be sent home.

PE

2B- Monday and Thursday **2V- Wednesday and Friday**

Your child's PE kit should include a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls as well as a neutral coloured (navy, black or grey) tracksuit for colder weather.

Trainers can be worn for days when we have PE outside. Please ensure that on PE days, you send children with long hair in with it tied back, and that earrings are removed or your child knows how to take out their earrings. Staff cannot remove a child's earrings 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 as it is very easy for pieces of kit to get mixed up.

Trips

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

Autumn Term - TBC (hopefully Syon House)

Spring Term - TBC

Summer Term - TBC

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 all members of the class have not been included. We ask that parents distribute invitations in the playground at the 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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