



St Paul's Years 5/6 Newsletter



February 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing half term break. We are looking forward to the next half term of learning.

Our Learning this term:

Please see the Curriculum Overview for more specific details about our learning this half term.

In Topic this half term we will be exploring the theme 'Seascapes'. Within this unit we learn about the world's oceans including physical features, flora and fauna.

The unit then moves onto more Art based learning, studying the work of Turner and developing our watercolour techniques to create our own seascapes.

Important Dates:

Monday 19th February: INSET Day

Monday 26th February: Parents' Evening (AH Site)

Tuesday 27th February: Parents' Evening (AH Site)

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Thursday 28th March: Last day of Spring term-
1.30pm closure

Monday 15th April: Pupils return to school for start of Summer term

PE:

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school for the start of each half term. Earrings must not be worn for PE. PE kits will be taken home at the end of each half term.

Both classes will be doing Gymnastics in PE this half term so need an appropriate **indoor** PE Kit, as well as plimsolls or trainers.

The indoor kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and plain, black shorts. Leggings should not be worn for PE lessons.

Reading Records:

It is important that children in Years 5 and 6 read for at least 20 minutes each day. Reading forms an essential part of the homework offer and supports comprehension skills, writing and speaking and listening skills. It can also just be fun!

Please encourage your child to talk about the material they are reading (whether a school, home or library book) and to write their own comments in their reading records. These records are checked weekly.

Reading records should be brought to school every day so children can also write it in during independent reading time.

Parent comments:

We ask that a parent or guardian comments/signs the reading records at least once a week. This is a brilliant way of keeping in touch with us and also allows your child to share their reading experience with you.

We have noticed a decline in the consistency of reading records across many pupils in Years 5 and 6, including with the frequency of parent comments. Please ensure your child is reading and recording at home and that an adult is sharing a text with them. If you need support or advice with this, please get in touch.



Educational Visits:

We are arranging an educational visit for Years 5 and 6 as part of our Art unit. We will share more details once it is confirmed and will require parent helpers to accompany the trips.

Learning at Home:

Weekly homework for Maths and Spelling is sent home. Each class has a short spelling test on Tuesdays, using the Spelling Booklets. Homework is set on Fridays and due in on Tuesdays.

We are available briefly at the end of each day when we have dismissed our classes and can also be contacted via the school email, which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Thank you,
Mrs Little, Mr Kearney and Miss James