



St Paul's Year 5 Newsletter



September 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year as much we are! We are always available at the end of each school day for any questions or to discuss any concerns that you may have. Longer appointments can be arranged by contacting the school office using the following email:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Learning this term

Please see the Curriculum Overview for more details.

In topic this half-term we will be learning all about the lives of Children during World War Two. We will look in detail at The Blitz, Evacuation and Rationing, and it will be especially exciting when the children construct and test their own model bomb shelters.

English and Maths

In Year 5 and 6 we group the children for English and Maths. This has been a very successful over a number of years, and the children really appreciate the extra support. They are grouped carefully with regards to their individual needs, and adjustments to each group will be made when necessary.

Spellings

As the term progresses your child will be given key words to learn each week, and there will be weekly spelling tests. It is an expectation that all children should know these words, and that they will also use them in their written work.

Reading

Children choose their own books to take home, which can be changed once the book is completed. **It is expected that comments are left in the reading log by either yourself or your child after each reading session.** Comments can include whether they struggled with any specific words or themes or if they enjoyed the book (or not!)

If your child has chosen a longer book and would like more time to finish reading it, please feel free to keep it until they have finished. Similarly, if your child is not enjoying the book they have chosen let us know in the reading log and they can change it!

It is expected that children will bring in their reading record each day. We will check for comments and sign your child's reading log once a week.

Homework

Homework will consist of maths and English activities. It will be sent home on a **Friday** and collected in on **Tuesday**.

It was expected by the end of year 4 that children were familiar with, and could recite, all times tables to 12. We will continue to practise this in class throughout year 5 and your support in practising at home would be greatly appreciated!

PE

5J – PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday.
5K – PE will take place on Monday and Friday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for all PE sessions (many parents find it easier to keep PE kits in school, taking them home at the end of half terms to be washed). It is important that children are not wearing jewellery / earrings on these days. The school PE kit is black shorts, plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Children can wear a dark coloured plain tracksuit and trainers for outdoor lessons. This is especially important in the colder months.

Parent Helpers

We rely heavily on parental support for school trips and sporting activities. In spring term, Year 5 will be receiving swimming lessons at Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre. For this we will need a parent volunteer who can commit an afternoon each week for 10-12 weeks. If you are available then please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. Your time and help is always greatly appreciated.

Academic School Visits

We are anticipating that we will be resuming academic visits this year. These visits will be related to our learning at school and will initially be in the local area. Further details will follow.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Johnston & Mr Kearney
Year 5 class teachers