



St Paul's Year 6 Newsletter



January 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful break.

Message from Mr Lacy

If you wish to see me I am usually available at the end of each day when I dismiss the class and can be contacted via the school email, which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk



Learning This Term:

Please see the Curriculum Overview for more details.

In Topic this term we will be studying the Oceans of the World. There is a History slant this half term with work on the exploration of the globe in the 15th Century, and the attempt to journey to the Spice Islands. We will end by making, and testing ship's biscuits.

In conjunction with this exciting topic we will also be looking at the voyage of Earnest Shackleton to the South Pole, and his attempt to save his crew after disaster in the ice.

Parent Helpers:

We heavily rely on parental support for school trips and sporting activities. Your time and help is always greatly appreciated.

Homework

Children will receive weekly spelling, grammar and mathematics homework. Please see your child's homework books for details. Homework must be handed in on time. Spelling will be a big focus this term, with the role-out of a whole school Spelling Bee competition. There will be more information soon.

Times tables

The curriculum has the expectation that all children should know their times tables and related division facts up to 12x12.

Educational Visits:

Some pupils will be selected to represent the school at a number of sporting events, such as sport's hall athletics and tag rugby.

Reading Books:

We encourage children in Year 5 and 6 to read for at least 20 minutes each day. It is important that children become fluent readers both when reading to themselves and reading aloud. The children are enjoying the books from our book passports; they are especially enjoying discussing them with their friends. Please encourage your child to talk about the material they are reading and sign and comment in their reading records regularly.



Grammar

There is an expectation that at the end of year SATS your child will know a wide range of grammatical terminology. To help them with this there is a really clear website that you could use

www.theschoolrun.com/primary-grammar-glossary-for-parents

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school for the start of each half term. For Indoor PE children must wear plimsolls. Trainers should be worn for outdoor PE. Earrings must not be worn for PE. Pupils must be able to remove earrings independently.

Clothing

Please ensure your child comes to school smartly dressed in full uniform each day. Children should always wear full school uniform for school trips unless otherwise directed by their class teacher.

Trips

We will be visiting the Clore Gallery at Tate Britain at the end of next half term.

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