



St Paul's Year 6 Newsletter



February 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed a relaxing half term break. We are looking forward to the next half term of learning. There is a lot of hard work and fun ahead of us this half term, so we are eager to get started.

Our Learning this term:

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

In Topic we will be learning a Geography-led unit called 'Mountains'. We will be exploring mountain ranges across the world, including South America and learning how they are formed. We will then be looking at different types of mountains, such as volcanoes.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 1st March: Secondary School Places are allocated (you will be contacted directly)

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Monday 13th March: Parents' Evening (AH Site)

Tuesday 14th March: Parents' Evening (AH Site)

Thursday 30th March: Year 3 Easter Service in Church/Reception Easter assembly in school hall (2pm)

Friday 31st March: Last day of Spring term- 1.30pm closure

Monday 17th April: Pupils return to school

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 Hockey in PE this half term so need an appropriate **outdoor** PE Kit, as well as plimsolls or trainers. We recommend children have both a suitable indoor and outdoor kit in case of adverse weather.

Educational Visits:

We are currently trying to arrange a local educational visit for Years 5 and 6. We will share further details once it is confirmed.

Reading Records:

It is important that children in Year 6 read for at least 20 minutes each day.

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 **then added to or signed by an adult.**

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

Parent comments:

We appreciate that encouraging an older child to read with you can be more difficult but we ask that you find a suitable, regular time to share a book with your child.

We are noticing an increase in the number of reading records not signed by adults, and would love to see this improve. Reading with an adult regularly really boosts a child's reading, whatever their age, and will aid your child in developing their inference skills and understanding. These are key skills needed in the end of year 6 assessments.

If you are having any issues with reading at home please contact us via email through the school office and we will happily support you and your child.



Homework:

Regular homework for Maths, English and Spelling is sent home. Each class has a short spelling test on Mondays, practising words explored in class and independently at home. These spellings are sent home the previous week.

Please ensure you encourage your child to complete their homework each time it is set and to return it on the correct day.

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 and Mr Johnston