



St Paul's Year 6 Newsletter



June 2021

Dear Parents,

Wow! We cannot believe we are already in the final half term of the school year. It has been a very challenging and unpredictable year in many ways, but we are so proud of how our children have handled it. There are lots of enjoyable learning opportunities coming up in this half term as well as time spent preparing for the transition to Secondary school.

Due to the current situation, if you need to speak to the class teacher please contact the school office on:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

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 learning about the Ancient Mayans. We will be exploring where they lived and comparing the Mayan Empire to Central America now. We will also learn about their religious practices, daily lives and games.

Important dates:

INSET DAY: Friday 11th June- School closed to all pupils

Year 6 transition:

Many of your children may be offered a date to go to their Secondary school for a visit or for an induction day.

If you know when your child's visit will be, please inform the school office as soon as possible so this can be added to their arbor attendance notes.

Some children may be beginning to become nervous or anxious about their transition to Secondary school.

This is very common and a completely natural worry. We will be discussing transition in detail during our Collective Worship and PSHE lessons to prepare our children for this change. There is also some useful information about dealing with anxiety on these websites. **(Please note- these are external websites)**

- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-school-anxiety-and-refusal/>

- <https://rediscoveryofme.com/starting-secondary-school/>

Reading Records:

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

Please continue to 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.

It has been fantastic to see some of the children writing more regularly in their reading records. However, there are still some children who are not recording their reading. Please ensure you are checking your child's reading record regularly.

Parent comments:

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



Times tables:

Please continue to support your child in learning their multiplication tables up to the 12 times table. Children should also be rehearsing associated division facts.



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. Pupils must be able to remove earrings independently.

We will be doing PE outside again this half term so we recommend children bring a water bottle and cap to wear on hot days. They should have black shorts and a white t-shirt as well as suitable trainers or plimsolls. We also recommend they have a dark, plain jumper and tracksuit bottoms in case of adverse weather.

Learning at Home:

Grammar books are sent home weekly and maths homework will be set regularly on MyMaths. Children will also receive some Spelling homework.

Thank you,
Mrs Little and Mr Lacy