



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



September 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are ready for a busy and exciting year. Attached to this letter please find a copy of Year 1's timetable, a curriculum plan for the year, and a more detailed curriculum plan outlining what the children will be learning about in the first part of the Autumn Term. You will receive a curriculum overview at the beginning of each half term.

Reading

The books will be changed once a week. Book bags will stay in school the night they are changed (they are changed after school hours). New books will be sent home on a **Wednesday for 1SV** and on a **Friday for 1LV**. In your child's reading folder you will find three Oxford Reading Tree books, a Library book and a Reading log. Children do not need to rush to finish all their books.

Once you have read the Oxford Reading Tree books with your child, please record it in the Reading Log, this way we know that your child has read it and we will then be able to change their book. Please feel free to comment on how your child read - did they struggle with any specific words? Did they enjoy the book? Did they read well?

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen. This is something for you to **read and enjoy** together – We are not expecting children to read their library books independently.

P.E

P.E will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday for 1SV** and **Wednesday and Thursday for 1LV**. Children need to be dressed appropriately in a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls (No trainers please). On these days, please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back, and that **earrings are removed** as we are unable to remove earrings in school.

Our school policy states that we are unable to allow children wearing earrings to participate in PE lessons for safety reasons.

Please ensure all of your child's **PE kit is named** as it makes it easier to reunite the clothes with their owners.

Homework

Soon, we will start giving the children Maths and English homework weekly. They are to complete a page each week - following the timetable that can be found attached to the inside of each of the books. We will be handing out the homework on a Thursday and will collect it back in on a Monday. Book bags should be in school every day.

Trips

Autumn Term- Syon House
Spring Term- Kew Gardens
Summer Term- TBC

More details to follow.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell provides an opportunity for children to practise public speaking, effective listening and questioning skills and to expand their concentration. We will be doing Show and Tell on a **Friday in 1SV** and **Monday in 1LV**. We will let the children know when their slot for Show and Tell is (it is a different group's turn every week).

Collecting your child

If your child is going to be collected by someone else (a friend, relative or another child's parent), it is **essential** that the school knows about this beforehand, either by sending a note to me, or if your circumstances change during the day, then contacting the school office – **020 8560 3297**. **Please contact the school office by 2pm at the latest, so that collection alterations can be shared with staff before the end of the school day.** If we know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.30pm becomes a lot quicker and easier.

If you do need to speak to us at any time, please write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. We are also available at the end of the day for straightforward queries. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you and seeing your child(ren) grow and develop!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Volossevich and Miss Vanos

