



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

Learning, growing and  
caring as part of God's family

"I am the vine, and you are the branches.  
If any remain in me and I remain in them,  
they produce much fruit." (John 15:5)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

This half term our topic is "Superheroes". We will be finding out about superheroes in our local community and be investigating what makes good superhero clothing by testing materials in water! We will also investigate freezing and melting. We will encourage children to ask questions especially "why/" and "what will happen?" Children will record their ideas by taking photos, drawing and writing.

Next half our topic will be Animals/Dinosaurs.

Staffing will continue in the same pattern as last term. I will continue to be supported by Mrs Whiteside. Friday afternoon is my non-contact time and Mrs Whiteside will teach the children PSHE and music supported by Miss Elliot.

We have hall sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday. Complete P.E. kits will need to be in school at all times. Please name all clothing including P.E. pumps.

During this half-term all children will bring home a reading book. Please spend a few minutes each day reading with or to your child. Books will continue to be changed once a week if you have heard your child read at home.

The biggest change you will notice is in what will not be in the book bags each afternoon - no sound of the day! We will be moving onto Step 2 in our phonics. The children have learned 42 sounds, and now they will be learning the alternative way these letter sounds are written! They will learn a new alternative each week.

A large focus of the lessons will be on writing words, phrases and sentences. Instead of the reading word lists for the word box, I will now be sending home a list of words for you to dictate to your child. These are decodable words. The children should be able to write them by hearing the letter sounds in the word. This is something we practice daily in school already. The children will also to learn one or two new 'tricky' words each week.

Please continue to revise the letter sounds and read the word box words, particularly those words containing digraphs. The children need to be secure with these so they do not become confused by the alternative way the sound can be written.

We will continue to let you know what the children have been doing through the Evidence Me app and remember we also have a class blog page on our website. This is located under the Reception section on the school website.

I would like to thank you all for your support last term. I am particularly proud of how well the children have settled into school and all that they achieved. As ever, if you have any concerns, please see either myself or Mrs Whiteside after school. Alternatively, you can email me on at:

[p.browne@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:p.browne@scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk) and I will arrange a meeting or ring you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Browne.

