



# St Paul's Catholic Primary School Year 2 Summer Term Newsletter



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**Welcome back to all our lovely children! Our priority is, as it has always been, the well-being of our children and our intent is to provide a broad, enriching curriculum to meet their needs and ensure progression. The best way for you to support your child this term is to listen to them read daily as well as reading to them, sharing books infused with rich and interesting vocabulary. Practical skills such as telling time, measuring (through baking or creating) and spending time outdoors exploring are invaluable ways to catch up! Learning multiplication tables for x10, x2, x5 and x3 is also key preparation for transition to Key Stage 2. We look forward to some sunshine and exciting learning!**



## Curriculum



**English** This half term, our English work will be based around our exciting topic 'Titanic' where we will use a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts. We further develop our writing using expanded noun-phrases and varying our sentence openers. Poetry as always is a key part of our English curriculum and we will be writing recounts, stories and information texts across the curriculum.

Spelling, punctuation and handwriting are really important across the curriculum. The children will be working hard to make sure their letters are all formed correctly, positioned properly and accurately sized. The children are really growing in confidence when joining their writing. Spelling tests on Fridays—lists on Seesaw and games on Spelling Shed.

**Reading** Reading books will be issued on Mondays and returned on Fridays, as before. Daily reading is so important now that the children are building their fluency by re-reading paragraphs or sentences that they have had to decode or decipher. Reading Eggs / Eggspress- please ensure the children are working through the lessons as they really do develop essential reading skills.



**Maths** We will spend this term ensuring children are ready to progress in September to Year 3. We will consolidate key areas, filling any gaps and providing breadth and challenge for those who are more confident. Please support your child with counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s and 5s as well as learning the facts for the corresponding times tables. Learning to tell the time is an area of maths that really benefits from support at home, using analogue clock faces. Calculations, fractions and problem solving will be our priority and, as always, we will incorporate outdoor active maths which helps to consolidate learning and promotes a positive attitude towards maths. Don't forget to use 'Hit the Button' from Topmarks and Times Tables Rockstars to practise knowledge of bonds and facts.

**RE** We begin the term with the topic Spread The Word. We are following on from the Easter story and looking at our role in spreading the good news. We follow this with a topic on Rules. Looking at why they are important and how they keep us safe. This term we will be looking at Islam and exploring a different belief. Our final topic is linked to Cafod and is all about Treasures. During our Islam World Faith week, we will learn the importance of prayer and home life for Muslims.

# Daily Checklist: Water bottles. PE Kit Thursday. Reading books and spellings Friday.

## Science

We continue to develop the children's learning around plants by observing and investigating how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will also plant and grow vegetables in our raised beds outside the classroom as many of the children have really shown a keen interest in gardening which is great for well-being.



## PE and PHSE

This term our My Personal Best words are self-belief and honesty. We will be taking part in various challenges which are designed to develop self confidence. We will start the term with athletics including: running, different combinations of jumping, and performing a range of throwing actions. We will also be working on orienteering skills and net and wall games.

In PHSE we begin our healthy lifestyles work looking at changes in our lives and mental health. The second part of the term is RHSE when we look at living life to the full and healthy eating.

## Geography & History

Planet Earth is our first topic in Geography. We build upon prior learning about the continents and oceans and focus in more detail about the UK. We learn about why our oceans are so important and how we can look after them. After half-term, we will use historical sources of evidence to support our learning in history. Local hero George Stephenson is where we begin to learn about the history of transport and travel.

## ART / DT

We begin with developing our drawing and collage skills as we use the oceans as our stimulus for art. We look at colour and shades as well as texture. After that, sculpture is our next topic which is always very popular with the children. They really did a fantastic job with their puppets before Easter and we can't wait to see what they produce next.

**Computing** We begin by looking at creating pictures using different programs on Purple Mash. We will then work on our coding skills. As always, we will continue to teach the children about online safety, especially when using the internet.

**Music** We will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Taylor from TVMS. We will learn more about the sounds different instruments make, create music in response to non-musical stimuli eg: a storm or a rocket launch as well as developing improvisational skills using a limited note range.