



St Paul's First School

Reception Newsletter - Summer

Home School Links

At St Paul's, we recognise the importance of establishing effective home-school links to support your child's learning. Please email your child's class teacher with any concerns or questions that you may have. We will continue to use SeeSaw to set homework, upload videos/photos and messages.

Reading books

Your child will now have started the RWI reading scheme. All children are assessed on their phonics ability at the end of each half term. The children are then grouped according to their reading level. Phonics groups are taught across Nursery/Reception and Year 1 - your child may be in any one of these groups according to their reading level. Please encourage your child to talk about their phonics group and phonics teacher. As mentioned in our previous Phonics Parent Workshop, your child will receive two new books on the third or fifth day of teaching (this depends on their reading level, the phonics group they are in and the colour band they are reading. It may not be the same day every week).

Red, Green, Purple, Pink and Orange books are taught on a 3-day timetable.

Yellow, Blue and Grey books are taught on a 5-day timetable.

The books they will receive will include the phonics book they have been taught in their phonics group and a 'Book Bag Book' to match the phonics book level.

Your child will also receive a new 'sharing book' every Monday. This book may be beyond their reading level and is for you to share with your child for story time.

Your child will get a new stamp every time they read at home Monday to Friday. There are no stamps given for weekends or half term holidays, however, please continue to read with your child as much as possible. It is also beneficial to your child's learning for them to hear a variety of text being read to them. Please share a variety of texts with your child such as, leaflets, road signs, maps, catalogues, stories and non-fiction texts. Please sign in your child's reading record every time they read with you and make a comment about their reading.

If your child enjoys reading please encourage your child to read their own books and not to rely on school books only. You may wish to visit the local library with your child if you feel you need more books or more variety.

Class Library

This term our class library day will be on a **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child returns their library book to school each Wednesday in order for them to choose a new one.

'WOW' Notes

Please continue to share any special news or progress that your child makes out of school (e.g. swimming certificates, learning to ride their bike without stabilisers etc), please fill in a 'WOW' note and send it into school so that we can celebrate your child's success and display it on their celebration wall. If you need more 'WOW' notes, please let us know.

Home Learning

Please continue to work through the home work tasks set in your child's scrapbook. Your child is welcome to send in their scrap book at the end of each half term so their achievements so far can be celebrated in class. We will then send the scrap books home so that you can continue with the tasks throughout the year. We may also send home extra home learning tasks during the year as well as setting activities to complete on SeeSaw.

PE

This term Reception PE sessions are on Tuesday and Friday. Children must come to school dressed in their full PE kit on these days. Trainers need to be worn NOT pumps and a warm tracksuit is preferred as we will be taking part in outdoor PE. As the warmer weather returns your child may wish to wear plain black/dark blue shorts. No jewellery should be worn during PE. If your child has their ear's pierced, please take out your child's earrings before school on PE days. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied back on PE days. All PE tops (red t-shirt or black/dark blue warm jackets/jumpers) should be plain with no logos/pictures/motifs. Please refer to our uniform policy for further information.

Snack Time

In Reception we have a 'Snack and Chat' table where the children are free to sit, choose a piece of fruit and have a drink of milk or water during the day. Free fruit is provided for all children. Free milk is also provided each day for children.

Your child can bring in a named water bottle to drink throughout the day and we have a water machine in the classroom to refill them. Please make sure water bottles are made from clear plastic. Please do not send snacks from home.

Lunches from home

At St Paul's we promote a healthy living for mind, body and soul, and a healthy lifestyle. Learning about being healthy and making healthy food choices is part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. If your child wishes to have a packed lunch from home please encourage them to make healthy food choices. It is our school policy that children only have one unhealthy treat in their lunchboxes. Please see our school policy on the website for further details and ideas for fun, healthy treats.

Thank you for your continued support

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