

# Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to your child's final term at St Paul's. I hope that you enjoyed the Easter Break. Please note that due changes made by the Government Key Stage Two SATs will not be taking place this year. Instead, we will be working closely with the secondary schools to inform them of children's areas of strengths and weakness' to aid their transition into secondary school. This newsletter will inform you of the curriculum areas we will be teaching this term.

## RE

In RE this term we will be learning about the Gospels. As we study a range of stories we will be considering 'what would Jesus do?' Taking the lessons taught by Jesus and applying these to our everyday lives.



## English

In English, we will begin reading the text *Holes* by Louis Sachar. As the children explore the text they will write letters from the characters, hold debates and write a review on the novel. We will then move onto the text *Goodnight Mr Tom* where we will explore life for children that were evacuated during World War II. Children will write newspaper reports, diary entries and instructions for an air raid during the war. We will continue to work on children's grammar for writing whilst providing opportunities for children to participate in a range of speaking and listening activities including drama and debates.

## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to work on closing the gaps in learning following the nation wide lockdown during the spring term. We will ensure children are competent on their arithmetic skills before exploring basic algebra, learning to draw 2D shapes by using a protractor to measure angles. During the final half term, we will continue to focus on data handling where children will learn to understand and draw pie charts whilst also learning to study line graphs.

## PE

We will continue to have PE on a Thursday. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts / kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons, outside therefore a warm jumper in school is essential.



## Topic

Our first cross curricular theme for the term is 'Hola Mexico' where we will learn about the Mayans exploring Mexican culture, festivals and music. During the final term, we will complete the topic 'A Child's War' where we will explore how WWII impacted the lives of children across Europe. We will learn to build model Anderson shelters and use the language of Churchill to write our own victory speeches.

## Homework

Children will have two reading books sent out each Monday which they must return on Friday. This allows a 72 hour rest period for the books before they are changed and returned.

Children will be set learning log tasks linked to our topic work. We will continue to expect children to access Times Tables Rock Stars to continue to work on their Times Table knowledge.

Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and tested in school each Friday. Can you please ensure that spellings are practised weekly. Your continued support with homework is invaluable and we are always on hand to support children with tasks they are unfamiliar with.



If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me then please make an appointment via the school office.

Kind regards

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