



ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 - Spring Term

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to an exciting New Year. We would all like to say thank you for your cards and gifts. We were very grateful.

Just a quick reminder to encourage your child to bring in the equipment they need in school, especially glue sticks. Please make sure all clothes and coats are named as it makes it so much easier to get them back to the correct owner. This applies to lunch boxes and water bottles. As it is very cold at the moment, do make sure your child has warm layers they can easily put on and remove as needed.

Curriculum

Numeracy will have a big emphasis on knowing the 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 8- and 10-times tables as this will help when we move onto fractions later in the term. We will also be covering length and perimeter, mass and capacity.

In Literacy we will be using one main text this half term (*Fantastic Mr Fox*) as a platform for writing persuasive texts and discussion texts as well as performing role-play to develop our writing skills. The second half term we will be writing fantasy stories, diaries and writing and performing poetry using a different main text - *Ocean Meets Sky*.

In History we will be covering Local History as well as developing our historical skills and curious minds. For Geography we will be investigating the local area, which will combine well with our Local History topic. Our RE topics are looking at whether it matters if a faith story is true or not and then the importance of Easter. Computing will begin with programming and then go on to branching databases. French will use stories and songs to help embed knowledge of colours and animals. The next Science topic will be Forces and Magnets followed by Rocks and Soils in the second half term.

On Wednesdays, Miss Jones will be teaching English and Maths instead of Fridays as previously happened in the Autumn term. PE days are now Thursday and Friday, so do make sure your child has warm clothes for going outside.

Art will be experimenting with 3D shapes and abstract pieces, then DT will look at making effective packaging.

Home Learning

Please aim to hear your child read at least four times per week. The emphasis should be on reading for meaning and discussing the book as well as practising decoding. Remember to log your child's reading on the BoomReader app so that we know the book has been completed and can be changed. Your child has the opportunity to change any completed books daily.

The Spring Term is very exciting as there are lots of new topics to learn and opportunities for the children to enjoy their learning within the school environment.

As always, please let me know if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hamm
Year 3 Sparrows Class Teacher