



Hello everyone and welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. We are so excited about the half term ahead, it is filled with lots of exciting opportunities for the children, including a trip to the theatre and our Christmas Nativity!

Active Uniform is still to be worn on a Monday and Tuesday for Games and PE lessons. The children should bring a filled water bottle every day.

Please try and listen to your child read each night. Once your child has completed their book, please sign to confirm it has been read and record any comments in their diaries. Please ensure your child's reading book and diary are in school every day. The children are working towards their goal of reading enough books to win a treasure chest book prize!

We have an open-door policy here at St Paul's, so if you have any questions about your child's learning please do come and speak to us. I look forward to speaking to you all during our Parents' Evening meetings, please sign up for an appointment if you haven't already done so. Best wishes, Mrs Richards, Mrs Savage, Ms Spears, and Mrs Swift.



English - The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. programme and will work in the appropriate groups continuing to develop their English skills. We will also be concentrating on our vocabulary, sequencing, inference, retrieval, explanation and prediction skills in our reading lessons.

During our writing lessons, we will be exploring texts as a whole class, learning the grammatical features and working hard to improve our handwriting. These texts include, Traction Man, The Man on the Moon, and The Last Wolf.

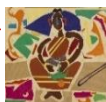
Our spelling lessons will take place every day and the children will have their own personal focus five spellings that they will concentrate on. Please practise reading and spelling the [Year 1 and 2 common exception words](#) at home.

History

We will be learning about The Romans and their empire. We will look at the invasion of Britain and the armies of the Romans and the rebellious Boudicca. We will also look at the towns and cities they built and what aspects of Roman life continued after they left.

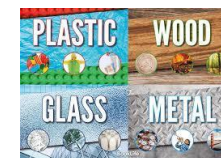
Maths – This half term we will be learning about addition and subtraction and shape. We will explore number bonds within 100 as well as adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers across a ten. After that, we will investigate 2-D and 3-D shapes. We will draw 2-D shapes and look at lines of symmetry. We will also learn all about the faces, edges, and vertices of 3-D shapes. The children all have logins for Numbots. Numbots is all about helping your child to understand, recall and be fluent in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating. We would like the children to practice and play on Numbots regularly at home independently.

Art – We will look at the work of Matisse and Mukherjee who worked with cut outs during the same period. We will be creating pictures with paper collage, exploring primary colours, secondary colours, complementary colours, organic shapes, composition, and visual texture.



Science - This half term we will be learning about the use of everyday materials including:

- What are everyday materials?
- What are their properties?
- Using a microscope.
- The difference between solids and liquids.



Religious Education –

This term we will be considering the question: Who made the world?

We will look closely at the creation story and thinking about how wonderful our world is and how we can and should take care of it.



PSHE –

This term we will be learning about Celebrating Differences. This includes:

- Thinking about accepting that others are different.
- Including others when working and playing.
- Knowing how to help if someone is being bullied.
- Trying to solve problems.



We will also be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week.

PE / Games –

This half term we will be focussing on:

Dance – Using water as our focus, we will use a range of different controlled movements to dance as a group and create a performance.
Games – We will be developing our ball skills and learning some invasion games.



Computing – This half term we will be learning how to keep ourselves safe online. We will learn how to search, share, and communicate safely. We will then be learning about spreadsheets and how they can be used to solve mathematical puzzles and create a table or graph to show data.



Music - This half term we will be learning 'Ho Ho Ho' - a Christmas song by Joanna Mangona and Jane Sebba. We will use our voices, body percussion and musical instruments to recreate, and explore the pulse, rhythm, and pitch of the song.