John Paul Class



Spring 2 Curriculum Letter

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I hope you had a restful half term break and are ready for the next six weeks of learning and excitement!

PE is now on a **Wednesday**, <u>outdoors</u>. Please ensure the correct kit is packed for indoors and outdoors, in case of timetable changes.

Please ensure your child is recapping the key words, phonics and reading every day at home. This is extremely important for their progress.

Our next topic is Space!

If you have any expertise in regards to our latest topic, please speak to me as it would be a great opportunity for you to come in to speak to the children.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Miss Pulle
(John Paul Class Teacher)



Please refer to the calendar that has been sent out with specific dates on.

Friday 1st March - St. David's Day (Wear something yellow)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character)



Play games together to practice sharing and taking turns. This will also develop the children's resilience, when things don't go the way they want it to!

If you can dream it, you can do it.

-Walt Disney

How can you help your child?

Read daily

Read to your child daily and get your child to read to you daily. 5 minutes can really make a difference.

When reading, begin to recognise words by sight and develop their expression.

PE

Please bring PE kit on a

Monday. PE is a

Wednesday afternoon.

This session will be outside.

Phonics

When reading, please focus on finding the digraphs in words to help them recognise and read these.

Writing

Write messages to your child. Get your child to write messages to you. Encourage them to write simple sentences.

Maths

How many ways can you make numbers up to 10? Play games with the numbers and work on rapid recall of these.

Key words

There will be no new key words this half term, for some children. Please continue to review the key words at home - your child needs to look at these regularly to help them progress.

If your child can read all the key words, practice writing them.

Our Learning

Main Topic: Space

This topic teaches children about our solar system. The children will be looking at big questions, such as; What is an astronaut? How do people travel through space? Why is space dark? What do astronauts wear? They will be learning about famous astronauts and the planets in our solar system.

<u>RE</u>

To help children learn about Easter, they will be focusing on the topic 'Growing'. As part of this, the children will be learning about the period of Lent, the importance of this and how people spend time reflecting. The children will also be learning about the Islamic faith. The children will be participating in their daily class worship and singing songs on a regular basis to praise God.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme. This half term, we will be learning about; 3D shapes, patterns, representing 9 and 10, sorting 9 and 10, ordering numbers to 10, the composition of 9 and 10, comparing numbers within 10 and making 10. We will then spend some time consolidating the learning from this term.

Phonics / Writing

We will follow the scheme 'Little Wandle' and will have phonics lessons, daily. The children will be reading 3 times a week in a guided group. We will be encouraging the children to write 'messages' using the skills they have learnt. We will be encouraging them to write simple sentences. Please continue to focus on the key words at home.

The children will be recapping their learning, focusing on the digraphs. The children will be recapping these at different rates to ensure the learning is secure.