



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Theme: Once Upon A Time



Spring Term : 6 January - 3 April 2020

Our RE topics are : *'Getting To Know Jesus'*
and *'Sorrow and Joy'*



We will be looking at :

- Reading, writing and acting out traditional fairy tales.
- Baking, role playing and sequencing the stories.
- In Maths, we are learning to recognise, count and write numbers 0 - 20, learning 2D and 3D shape names and their properties and exploring different measures.
- In English, we are concentrating on writing sentences, practicing our letter sounds and formation and applying our phase 2 and 3 phonics to our reading and spelling.
- How we can help other people.

You Can Help Your Child By :

- Talking about traditional tales.
- Counting objects in the home and practising writing numbers.
- Talking about size and position, 'in front, behind, at the side', etc.
- Talking about shapes, finding 2D and 3D shapes in boxes, tubes, etc., and naming them.
- Talking about words that rhyme, 'hat, bat, mat,' etc.
- Ensuring your child can now write their name and practicing this often
- Practising letter sounds, letter names and reading words and books for a short while every day - it does make a difference. If children are not willing and are getting upset, coax, but don't push. Sometimes a star chart is a good idea, with a star for practising and a small prize or treat after 10 stars. A little, often and keeping it **fun** is very important.

Every child will bring home a reading book on their designated reading day - these are the same books as the children read in school. We read the book at school, discuss it, then it is brought home that night so that it can be practised with you throughout the week.

When your child has read to you, please ask them questions about the story and the characters, to make sure they understand what they have read. Please record any practise you do in the Reading Record, then make sure the book, reading record and bag are returned on your child's reading day. If the book is not returned, we cannot change it. The teacher will also record in the same book, so that there is communication between home and school about your child's progress.



The Early Years staff are grateful for your support and hard work helping your children with their schoolwork; it makes a big difference to their achievement in school. A little, often, and keeping it fun is very important.

Thank you for remembering your 50p baking money each week, it really does help us to offer a varied and exciting curriculum to the children, especially this term. Also don't forget your donation towards The Children's Recreational Fund which can be completed via ParentPay.

We will be having a fun with phonics session / open morning on **Tuesday 28 January** to give you an overview of how phonics is taught in the EYU, the opportunity to look through your child's learning journey and ask your child's class teacher any questions.

Our PE lesson will continue to be on a **Wednesday** morning, so please ensure your child has their pumps with them, clearly labelled with their name. Your child will need their **full PE kit** (white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, pumps) **after February half term**. If your child has earrings please make sure these are taken out, as school staff can no longer cover them up or take them out due to new health and safety rules.

Can we ask that all parents make sure that they use the correct entrance and exit (from the playground) for the Early Years Unit **before 8:50 am**, so we can maintain a safe environment for all the children. If you arrive after 8:50 am, please use the main reception to enter the school building.

To enable your child to become more independent, we would be grateful if children could hang their coat on their peg themselves and find their own card. It helps children to recognise their name and find their coat as they need it. We will also be starting our sunshine reward system for those children who come in to school independently on a morning. If they enter school without their grown up, they can put their name straight on to the sunshine. Not only does this boost your child's independence, it also minimises tears and upset with the drop off delay, allows for a prompt start to the learning day and helps to reduce the volume of bodies within the cloakroom.

Important Dates 2020

EYU & KS1 Celebration Assembly :	Friday 24 January, 14:40
Fun with Phonics & Open Morning :	Tuesday 28 January, 09:00 - 10:30
KS1 Candlemas Assembly	Friday 31 January at 09:15
School Family Mass @ Church :	Sunday 2 February at 11:15
Safer Internet Day :	Wednesday 5 February
KS1 Eurovision Song Contest :	Friday 7 February, 18:00 – 19:15
St. Paulinus Anti-Bullying Day :	Wednesday 12 February
Spring Half Term Holidays :	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
School Re-opens :	Monday 24 February
Ash Wednesday :	Wednesday 26 February in school (time to be confirmed)
World Book Day :	Friday 6 March (Non-Uniform / Dress up)
EYU & KS1 Celebration Assembly :	Friday, 13 March, 14:40 / Friday, 27 March, 14:40
Mother's Day Gifts (Friends of St. Paulinus) :	Wednesday 18 March (afternoon)
Parent Consultation Evenings :	Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April
Year 1 Holy Week Assembly :	This will take place on <u>Wednesday 1 April at 14:00</u> . Further details will follow.
Easter Holidays :	Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April
Summer Half Term Holidays :	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Additional information will be sent out with regards to the following :

- School trips, assemblies, after school clubs, etc.

If you have any questions regarding anything in the Unit, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you

The Early Years Unit Staff