



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Part of the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust

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

(cf John 8:12)



12th May 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

Year 5 - Summer Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a lovely Easter break, May Bank Holiday and the King's Coronation and are looking forward to the summer term.

<u>Year 5 Staff:</u>	Class Teachers:	Mrs L Weeks (5W), Mrs N Scholey & Mrs B Irving (5SI)
	Educational Teaching Assistants:	Mrs J Moore, Mrs P Halloran, Mrs S Dhorajiwai & Mr S Jones
	French Teacher:	Miss S. Juan

In **R.E.** the themes of learning are 'Life in the Risen Jesus' and 'The Transforming Spirit'. Within 'Life in the Risen Jesus', we will look at the meaning of the Resurrection, its importance and what it means for us today. We will also explore the importance of Pentecost and how it was the 'beginning of the Church'. We will explore the ways that Jesus' spirit is present with us and how we can be present with him through prayer. In 'The Transforming Spirit' we will look at the Ascension and how it affected the disciples. We will focus on the apostles and how the Holy Spirit transformed them, including how the Spirit transformed Peter and how he was the first Pope. Parents are encouraged to start discussions with children relating to these topics focusing on key terminology and its meaning.

In **Mathematics** - we will be focussing on fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills involving whole numbers and decimals (further information can be found on the Maths plan). To help your children you need to provide them with opportunities to practise their times tables, recap on previous topics to keep it fresh and encourage problem solving relating to real life issues, such as using money and measure as an example. You can help your child by encouraging them to use mental maths skills whenever possible.

In **English** we will be looking at the poem 'Beowulf' through an adaptation written by Michael Morpugo; a tale that has been told over a thousand years and is a classic that children, particularly boys, will love and engage with. This will allow us to develop our writing through recounts from various chapters in the novel. We will show our empathy with the characters through writing diary entries. We will also write character descriptions, as well as writing an invitation to a feast at the mead-hall.

In **Science** we will be learning about the planets in our solar system, describing the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun and explaining day and night. In the second half of the term we will be investigating Forces such as gravity and investigating how objects fall. At home children could be doing some of their own topic research to help them further engage with the topic.

Our **History** theme this half term is 'The Vikings'. Following on from our learning of the Anglo-Saxons in the Autumn term, we will find out how Britain developed during / after the Vikings invaded. We will find out where the Vikings came from and how and why they raided Britain. We will find out how they lived and how their legal system worked.

Next half term in **Geography** we will be studying 'the Globe'. We will learn the meaning of different geographical terms such as longitude and latitude: compare different hemispheres; investigate time difference and locate some of the world's deserts.

In **RPSHE** we will be discussing a variety of topics including the importance of mobile phone safety in our digital world and 'Which jobs we will like'. The children will learn how to use technology safely and be able to explore a variety of different job roles and what qualifications they may need to achieve them.

Physical Education (P.E.) – is on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Under the new guidelines, children will continue to come to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. Please may we take this opportunity to kindly remind all families that the school P.E. kit is uniform and that pupils should not come to school in clothes that do not form the school P.E. kit. Class 5W will continue to go swimming on a Friday until the end of term.

- The St. Paulinus P.E. kit consists of:
 - a plain white t-shirt with or without the school logo (no brands or patterns),
 - plain black or dark grey shorts / jogging bottoms or leggings (no brands or patterns),
 - grey school hoodie with the school logo,
 - Trainers or a pair of pumps.
- In addition, the **only** jewellery permitted in school is a pair of plain small stud earrings. If your child has pierced ears, these need to be removed on each morning of P.E. for health and safety reasons.

Please note that staff are not able to remove earrings, so this will result in your child not taking part in our P.E. lesson and an alternative task will be provided for the child, this is due to health and safety reasons.

- Long hair must be tied back.
- All P.E. kit (including school uniform) must be labelled clearly with your child's name. If it becomes lost, it can then be easily returned to the rightful owner.
- **Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on their P.E. days.**

Homework - This will be handed out on a **Friday** and **MUST** be completed and returned to school by the following **Wednesday**. Spelling tests will be completed on a **Friday**.

Reading - Children will have an independent reading book which will be brought home on a daily basis and **MUST** be returned to school every day. Please remember to write in your child's reading record to acknowledge that you have listened to your child read. It is also very important to check your child understands when reading. Finally, please remember to access Bug Club.

The Way Forward - Paperless Communication

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what's going on at our school, however sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray along the way.

We aim to be 'Paperless' from next week, this is beneficial both to ourselves and to you because :

- Messages will get to you reliably.
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time.
- You will receive important or urgent messages more effectively.

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- We can tell you more about what's going on within our school.
- Letters will also be available to read on the school's website and the School App.

If you have not already provided us with an e-mail address, please do so. If you would like to continue receiving paper copies, then please contact the office OR complete the '[e-mail request form](#)' on the School App.

Any information you provide us with will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher via email: year5@stpaulinus.org or by contacting the school office and arranging a telephone appointment.

We are looking forward to a very productive and fun term.

Thank you

Mrs Weeks, Mrs Scholey & Mrs Irving
Year 5 Teachers

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Important Dates 2023

<p>Monday 1 May</p> <p>Thursday 4 May</p> <p>Monday 8 May</p> <p>Friday 19 May</p> <p>Friday 26 May</p> <p>Friday 26 May</p> <p>Monday 29 May – Monday 5 June</p> <p>Monday 5 June</p> <p>Tuesday 6 June</p> <p>TBC: Thursday 15 June FofSP</p> <p>Friday 16 June</p> <p>Sunday 18 June</p> <p>Tuesday 20 June</p> <p>Wednesday 21 June</p> <p>Friday 23 June (more info to follow)</p> <p>Thursday 29 June</p> <p>Tuesday 4 July</p> <p>Friday 7 July (more info to follow)</p> <p>Monday 10 – Friday 14 July</p> <p>Friday 14 July</p> <p>Monday 17 – Friday 21 July</p> <p>Wednesday 19 July</p> <p>Friday 21 July</p> <p>Friday 21 July</p>	<p>May Day / School closed</p> <p>Polling Day / School closed / Home Learning Day</p> <p>Bank Holiday for King's coronation / School closed</p> <p>Mary Day / children to bring flowers 09:00 - Parents invite to Mary Liturgy</p> <p>Pentecost Day / Non-Uniform Day: children to dress in white</p> <p>Last day of term</p> <p>Summer Half Term Holidays</p> <p>Inset Day</p> <p>School Re-opens</p> <p>Father's Day event : (buy a gift for a £1.00)</p> <p>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>New EYFS Parents Evening</p> <p>Year 5 St. John Fisher's Taster Day</p> <p>Non-Uniform Day: bring an item for the Summer Fair</p> <p>St. Peter & St. Paul Feast Day</p> <p>Whole School Transition Day / EYFS Taster Day</p> <p>Summer Fair</p> <p>STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths)</p> <p>Children's written reports handed to parents</p> <p>Health & Fitness Week</p> <p>KS2 Sports Day for Years 5 & 6 (pm)</p> <p>End of Year Whole School Mass</p> <p>Last day of School (2022/2023) / Early finish, 13:15</p>
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FofSP = 'Friends of St. Paulinus' event

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