

Homework

Literacy and numeracy homework is given out on alternate **Wednesdays** by the pod teacher. Part of the Maths homework is set through the Mathletics website. If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know as soon as possible and alternative homework will be arranged. Please ensure your child completes all homework to the best of their ability and their English homework should be completed in a neat and organised manner.

Spellings will be given out by your child's phonics teacher, based on the phase they are working on.
Topic homework may be given out to support work being done in the Creative Curriculum.

Medical information

Please ensure that if your child needs any medication within school such as inhalers, then they are up to date and the relevant medical form has been completed at the office. All medication should be clearly named and handed to the school office as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to teaching Dragons this year and working in partnership with you all.
Please remember to visit our class website for news and photos.
www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk

If there is any other information that you need, please do not hesitate to call into class

Thank you.
Mrs Cooper



Welcome to Dragons



Information for parents
2016–2017

A warm welcome to Dragons class!

Welcome back to you all. I hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed the break. Please find enclosed information that will guide you and your child through the academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. Wishing your child an enjoyable year in Dragons class!

Teaching staff

Alongside myself, Mrs Cooper, the class is taught by Mr Burke on a Thursday afternoon and all day on a Friday.

Topics

Over the course of the year, the children will access a number of subjects through our creative curriculum. Each day, there is a focus on English, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Handwriting. Any class trips throughout the year will support learning within the new curriculum. Topic webs are sent out each half term to inform you of the class learning.

Class Novel

Each half term the class will study a new class novel. Although not essential, it is useful if the children can have their own copy of the novel to follow along with our reading. Our first novel is an oldie but a goodie— '5 go to Treasure Island' by Enid Blyton.

PE kit

As it is a requirement of the school curriculum, please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. This should be a white t shirt, blue shorts and suitable indoor footwear. For our outdoor session on Wednesday, children may wear plain navy/black tracksuit pants and a plain jumper or hooded top. Trainers will be needed for the outdoor surface (playground/field) and may get muddy.

Wet Play

Unfortunately, living in the valley does mean we are subject to numerous 'Wet Play' days. If anyone has any spare board games, jigsaws etc in good condition they would be willing to donate to our wet play box these would be gratefully received.

Swimming

This year, swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons for Years 4 and 5. As classes are mixed at St Paul's, all the Year 5 will access swimming at the same time as will the Year 4 s.

Year 5 Sept–Feb, **Year 4** Feb–July.

For those children who are not swimming, they will be taking part in an outdoor PE session on a Wednesday. Indoor P.E is on a Monday for the first term. Further details to be found in the additional swimming letter.

Reading

There is an expectation that children in the Junior unit should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes each night. Reading books will be changed as needed if your child is still on the Reading Scheme. It is the child's own responsibility to ensure their book is placed in the book box for changing first thing in the morning. If your child is a Free Reader they can change their own book as required. Please ensure reading diaries are signed as any books not signed will not be changed. Children who are Free Readers still need to have their reading diaries signed and still need to be reading at home every night.

Library books

All children in Dragons class have the opportunity to choose a book from the school library each week. Our library day is **Wednesday**. Books can only be changed if returned to school on library day. All children should use their own unique library PIN when borrowing books. These will be the same as last year.

Personal belongings

Your child is responsible for looking after their own belongings. Please make it easier for them by naming all items of clothing, including coats, hats and scarves. If your child has a school bag/rucksack, please ensure it is small enough to fit onto their peg. Named PE kits should be left on their pegs and are sent home at the end of each half term. Pencil cases may be brought into school for use in the afternoon sessions, however these are not compulsory. Please ensure your child has access to a named water bottle with non spill cap, freshly filled each morning.